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Borja questions high court ruling on his appointment

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REPORTER

Sen. Joaquin H. Borja (Ind-Tinian) questions the Supreme Court's ruling that paved the way for the appointment of Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) to fill a vacancy left by Juan M. Ayuyu, as well as his new appointment based on the 2012 election results that he said should therefore give him a four-year term ending January 2017, instead of only up to January 2015 based on the 2009 race.

» **Borja claims '2012' appointment should give him 4-year term**
» **Governor stands by affirmation**

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is standing by his Tuesday decision to affirm Borja's appointment pursuant to the Supreme Court's recent ruling, press secretary Angel Demapan said.

Borja was appointed in March this year to fill the vacancy for a Tinian senatorial seat when former president Jude U. Hofschneider became lieutenant governor, since he was the second highest vote getter in the 2009 elections.

On Tuesday, Gov. Eloy S. Inos affirmed Borja's appointment based on the results of the 2012 elections wherein he was also the second highest vote-getter.

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7-year-old cleans up Tinian bus stop

» **2nd grade student recognized for 'making a difference'**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Seven-year-old Tinian Elementary School student Shimiko Borja Dela Cruz help clean up the bus stop in Carolina Heights, Tinian.

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Seven-year-old Tinian Elementary School student Shimiko Borja Dela Cruz was finally allowed to ride the school bus when she got promoted to the 2nd grade.

Her mother, Rita Borja Dela Cruz, said she decided to allow her daughter the privilege of riding on the Public School System bus after determining that Shimiko is already more mature and aware of her surroundings. Yet even she was surprised to find out how truly aware her daughter is.

After a few pickups and drop-offs at the bus stop in Carolina Heights, the village they live in, Shimiko noticed something that she said was "dirty and ugly." No, she was not referring to the yellow school bus that picked her up everyday. It was the bus stop where she and her friends would sit in every morning.

Shimiko came home one day and told her mother about the profanities written and the inappropriate images drawn on

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ADVENTURE ZONE

A man checks out one of the giant human hamster balls at Kanoa Resort Saipan's Adventure Zone, among the latest attractions that hotels on Saipan have developed to offer something new to a growing number of tourists. Visitor arrivals to the CNMI last month alone jumped 19 percent, or from 26,767 in October 2012 to 31,886 in October 2013.

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FOR VICTIMS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN

Saipan marshals more Haiyan relief donations

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Business groups and organizations on Saipan are continuing their fundraising campaigns for victims of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), which sliced through central Philippines two weeks ago today.

The United Filipino Organization's relief drive, for instance, couldn't be busier. UFO president Annamae Adaza said their volunteers have already packed in-kind donations of clothes and other items into 98 *balikbayan* boxes at the

LBC Mabuhay storeroom in Susupe.

The in-kind items include slightly-used and new clothes, canned goods, noodles, shoes, medicines, bags, and toys, among others.

She said they could never have enough volunteers due to the

» **UFO already fills 98 'balikbayan' boxes**

volume of the donated items being sorted out. On Tuesday, they had 30 volunteers; on Wednesday they had 33.

"The help is really overflowing. Thank you to all generous companies and individuals who are participating in the fund drive and relief efforts. It's very heartwarming that the entire CNMI community is donating to extend help to victims of Yolanda back home."

Adaza is asking those who intend to

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Mandatory twice-a-year drug test for elected officials eyed

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Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) is drafting a bill that would impose a mandatory twice-a-year drug test for all elected officials such as the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, lawmakers, mayors, and municipal council members.

In an interview, Leon Guerrero said the drug tests will apply to all incoming and re-elected officials.

Leon Guerrero, a former police officer, said before any new and re-elected official is sworn into office, they need to undergo drug testing.

"I am finalizing the bill. The

plan is to make the mandatory drug testing twice a year," he said.

Previous legislatures had lawmakers suspected or charged with drug-related matters. Although their house rules allow for it, the House and Senate do not necessarily impose drug testing among its members, their staff, and the Legislative Bureau.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said this proposal is "certainly" something that the administration welcomes.

"There's nothing wrong with having people know that their elected officials are drug-free," Demapan said.

Currently, drug testing is not required among those certified to run for office.

Suspended lawyer barred from drinking alcoholic beverages

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has prohibited suspended lawyer Antonio M. Atalig from buying or drinking any alcoholic beverages or using any controlled substance.

Wiseman issued the order as Atalig was released from custody yesterday. He was required to report to the Department of Corrections to start serving his sentence on Jan. 1, 2014, in his new domestic violence conviction.

The judge also ordered the 56-year-old Atalig to refrain from entering any bar, tavern, or other establishment whose primary purpose is the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

He also barred Atalig from associating with persons who are drinking alcoholic beverages or using controlled substances.

Atalig is not allowed to have direct or indirect contact with his former wife and their children.

On Wednesday, Atalig plead-

ed guilty to assault and battery, two counts of disturbing the peace, and criminal contempt as part of a deal.

Wiseman sentenced him to six months in prison and also ordered him to serve 325 days of his suspended sentence in a previous criminal conviction, with credit for time served.

Since Atalig was given credit for the eight months, this means that he has to serve about two more months, for a total of about eight months in prison.

According to the basis of the plea deal, on March 4, 2013, on Saipan, Atalig went to the home of his former wife and their three children, yelled to be let in, kicked the sliding glass door, and walked into the house.

Once inside, Atalig followed his former wife around the dining room table and then began following their then 13-year-old daughter, touching the girl and causing her to trip and fall over.

The defendant's actions violated the court's previous order as at the time, he was still on probation for his 2012 conviction in another domestic case.

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MMA fighter Charley allegedly slaps total stranger

Mixed martial arts fighter Maitai K. Charley was arrested again on Tuesday, this time for allegedly slapping a woman.

Charley, a boat crew who turns 29 today, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of assault and battery, contempt of court, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho released Charley on a \$2,250 unsecured bond after finding out that the suspect was held in jail beyond 24 hours without being brought to court.

Assistant attorney general Jacinta Kaipat recommended a \$10,000 cash bail, saying the government believes Charley is a danger to the community. Kaipat said that Charley's victim was a total stranger to him.

Kaipat said Charley is on a two-year probation for a prior conviction in a 2010 criminal

case. She said he was just released on June 24, 2013.

Charley's counsel, Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig, urged the court to release his client on an unsecured bond as Charley should have been taken to court for his bail hearing on Wednesday, not yesterday. Charley was held beyond 24 hours without being brought to court—a constitutional violation, he added.

Hartig also noted that the police affidavit talked about Charley, but the probable cause page in the documents identified the defendant as another person.

Kaipat explained that it was a typographical error on the detective's part.

Police detective Jesse K. Serman's report states that police officer Maverick Saures responded to Garapan Tuesday

night after receiving a call about a disturbance.

When Saures arrived near Triple 7 Poker, the alleged victim met him and told him that an unidentified man approached her and cursed at her.

She asked him why he was

saying profanities at her and threw back the same words at him. The suspect then slapped her in the face and walked away. The woman called the police.

Responding officers later located Charley at Micro Beach Hotel, where the suspect alleg-

edly admitted slapping a woman's face. Charley was arrested.

In March 2011, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced Charley to 15 days in prison for kicking a man in front of his child and damaging the door of a couple's car in Susupe,

for no apparent reason. Police said the 10-year-old boy, who witnessed Charley push and kick his father in the head, was traumatized by the incident.

In this new case, Judge Camacho is assigned to preside over the trial.

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North China media savor sunshine in NMI

At a time of the year when north China is shoring up against the winter cold, nine media reps from Hebei Province visited the Northern Mariana Islands this week, Nov. 14-18, to discover the year-round outdoor attractions this beach resort destination has to offer.

The FAM(iliarization) tour is anticipated to bring the Northern Marianas over \$310,000 in ad exposure value, featuring activities such as diving, ATV off-road adventures, submarine tours, beach barbecues, outdoor dinner shows, and walking paths. The Marianas Visitors Authority also gave the group a tour of the routes for the 7th

Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle, slated for Dec. 7, 2013, and the annual Saipan Marathon scheduled for April 19, 2014.

“The group really enjoyed their stay on Saipan and the good weather,” said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. “*OUTDOOR* magazine was especially interested in our sports events and said they will organize a team to join next year’s Saipan Marathon and give the event full coverage as well.”

The FAM group was comprised of magazines, radio shows, and newspapers targeting middle and high-income groups, sports lovers, and in-

dividuals interested in outdoor

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But Borja claims the Supreme Court ruling was wrong.

“My message to the justices is, please revisit your decision,” Borja told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at the commuter airport yesterday afternoon, shortly before boarding a plane for Tinian. “The court making judgment is not the final answer. The people will hear the same question again. I am sorry for the people of Rota.”

Borja questioned the court decision that paved the way for Manglona to be appointed, when Manglona didn’t run in the same election Ayuyu ran in 2009.

He believes Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas made the right call in his legal opinion that the phrase “last election” refers to the election in which the member who held the vacant seat was elected.

“Why would the court ruling apply to my appointment retroactively? When you impose on me the 2012 elections results, will you give me the four-year term starting based on the 2012 elections? This is an important question that I now pose to the public and the court,” he said.

The Tinian senator said he is considering bringing the matter to a U.S. court.

Borja added that the Board of Elections was bypassed when a question was brought to the court first.

Session snubbed

Because of his reservations about the court ruling and

activities.

Their itinerary also included an island tour of scenic and historic sites and a tour of Man-

the governor’s appointments, Borja did not attend Tuesday afternoon’s Senate session.

However, he was in the legislative building on Capital Hill and participated in some of the deliberations among senators.

Meanwhile, in the Senate chamber, most people were oblivious to the drama that was unfolding behind closed-doors.

Senators separately told *Saipan Tribune* that Borja threatened to resign on Tuesday.

When asked about this, Borja said he was able to say these things in the midst of frustration.

“I am staying on,” he said, adding that he is not receiving a salary as a senator but is drawing his retirement pension.

Senate vice president Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said he understands where Borja is coming from.

“He posed good questions that even senators could not answer,” Hocog said.

Hocog said Rota voters also raised the same questions on the court ruling that led to Manglona’s appointment.

“But like what I told Rota voters, we need to move on. The court made a decision, let’s move on, work together for the people,” he said in a phone interview.

‘Manglona almost out’

Hocog also said even if the Supreme Court ruled on the certified question, the Senate credentials committee could have decided not to accept Manglona’s credentials.

Senate sources said that, had the Credentials Committee been composed of one or two other senators, the recommendation would have been

agaha.

The group lodged at Kanoa Resort during their visit, where they also filmed the Kanoa

not to accept Manglona’s credentials.

But Torres named the Credentials Committee members as follows: Chairman Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

The Credentials Committee submitted two reports to the full Senate—one for Manglona and the other for Jack Borja.

By a vote of 6-0, the Senate adopted the Credential Committee report on Manglona.

Besides Jack Borja, Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) was absent during the Tuesday session.

The Credentials Committee report specifically stated that Manglona is to serve the remaining term of former senator Juan M. Ayuyu, who is awaiting court sentencing in connection with smuggling endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan.

After Manglona was sworn in and officially started serving his term at the 18th Senate, he also got to vote on the Credentials Committee report on Borja, which was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Inos administration

When sought for comment, press secretary Angel Demapan said Borja “never raised these concerns to the governor earlier.”

“As to the governor affirming Sen. Borja’s appointment based on the 2012 election, this was done in accordance to the Supreme Court ruling. The court, in response to the certified question, ruled that the term ‘last election’ means the last election held prior to the vacancy. It further said that the

Adventure Zone. The FAM tour was also supported by Fiesta Resort & Spa and Sky Tour. (MVA)

unsuccessful candidate with the highest votes in that election will serve the remainder of the term vacated. The court did not say that anyone who fills a vacancy will serve a new full term,” he said.

Borja, meanwhile, said he doesn’t see the need to be sworn in again.

“I was already sworn in last March. Why would I need to be sworn in again?” he said.

Demapan said there’s no schedule for the governor to swear in Borja based on the recent events.

The Senate will have a session again next week, and it will be held on Rota. This time, with the expectation that important measures such as revenue-generating bills will be acted on.

Political ambitions

Borja said if he’s not going to be serving the full four-year term even if his appointment is now based on the 2012 election results, then he will run as a senator for Tinian in the 2014 elections.

He said he ran under the Covenant Party in the 2009 race, and under the Republican Party in 2012.

“I still consider myself a Republican, under the NMI Republican Party,” he said.

Borja said they have a complete slate.

“For Tinian mayor, our candidate is Joseph Mendiola. For representative, we have former representative Edwin Aldan. For senators, there’s me and Ray Cing,” Borja said.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) are also running under one team for Tinian senatorial seats.

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the bus stop’s walls—something that Rita thought her daughter would not notice.

“She came and she told me that she does not want to go to the bus top because it is dirty and ugly,” Rita said. “She was excited about riding the bus every day but she did not like how the bus stop looked. No one took this seriously.”

That’s when this 7-year-old student took matters into her own hands. Instead of complaining about the matter to school officials, Shimiko took the initiative to clean the bus stop herself. She asked her parents to help her beautify the first thing she and her fellow classmates see in the morning before going to school.

In just a few hours, Shimiko and her parents, Rita and Lawrence, were headed to the store to buy paint, brooms, trash bags, and brushes.

“We just wanted to make her feel better. Whenever she walked to the bus stop we want-

ed to make her feel comfortable waiting there,” Rita said. “She feels comfortable now knowing it’s a clean environment.”

As a mother, Rita has one message she wants the CNMI community to hear: “I want to let them know to keep [our community] clean, because the younger kids know now. They read and look around and see what is going on. They realize that we need to start taking care of our environment and facilities.”

Weeks after painting and cleaning the bus stop Shimiko was recognized at the school’s monthly PTSA meeting by Tinian Jr./Sr. High School principal Jennifer San Nicolas.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan told the *Saipan Tribune* that she will be visiting Tinian this week to recognize the 2nd grade student and thank her for “making a big difference in the smallest ways.”

“They should be commended for what they have done and I hope that everyone else will respect the facilities and come out and be a part of the cause for good,” Sablan said.

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donate in-kind items to just deliver them directly to LBC Susupe, as UFO volunteers and LBC Mabuhay staff are already very busy with pickups.

As of Wednesday, UFO’s fundraising drive has also raised \$7,200, which will be turned over to ABS-CBN’s Sagip Kapamilya program. The in-kind donations will be sent to the Philippine Red Cross through LBC Mabuhay, which will ship them to the Philippines for free.

BoG adds to PH relief efforts

Adding to its \$10,000 typhoon relief contribution, Bank of Guam is donating \$0.10 for each signed Pacific Express Visa Debit Card transaction to Ayuda Foundation for medical equipment and supplies for the Philippines.

The drive runs from today, Nov. 22, through Friday, Nov. 29.

“We are very humbled and saddened to see continuous tragic stories in the Philippines, and are happy to be able to give our Bank of Guam customers a way to make a contribution,” said Bank of Guam president, CEO, and board chair Lou A. Leon Guerrero. “The effort runs through Thanksgiving and to retail’s ‘Black Friday’ to maximize the opportunity for Bank of Guam customers to sign their Pacific Express Visa Debit Card transactions to qualify for the Bank of Guam donation.”

BoH accepting donations

Bank of Hawaii has also announced that it is accepting donations to aid Haiyan victims in the Philippines.

Check donations may be made payable to Aloha For Philippines and deposited at any Bank of Hawaii branch in Guam, Saipan, or Palau. Cash donations are also being accepted. All donations will go to the American Red Cross for Typhoon Haiyan disaster relief.

“Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims and families affected by this disaster,” said Ron Cannoles, Bank of Hawaii executive vice president and West Pacific region manager. “So many of us here share such a close connection to the Philippines and we were stunned by the magnitude of this tragedy. We are pleased to support the relief effort by ensuring our community’s donations get to an agency that can best meet the needs of those who require help.”

Donations will be used to purchase and distribute relief items such as food, blankets, hygiene kits, and mosquito nets, repair and rebuild shelters, provide health care, ensure access to clean water and sanitation systems, and provide cash grants for use when markets begin functioning normally.

Herman’s Bakery pitches in

Herman’s Bakery has also pledged to provide financial

assistance to ongoing relief efforts.

For each Thanksgiving Package purchased, Herman’s Bakery will donate \$2 to Haiyan victims.

Customers just need to purchase a package now through Nov. 30 and \$2 will be donated by Herman’s Bakery on their behalf.

As families make their Thanksgiving dinner plans, Herman’s Bakery is offering them an opportunity to be part of the typhoon relief effort through the purchase of a Thanksgiving package.

“We have so much to be thankful for, and in spite of the difficulties and challenges we face here in the Commonwealth, we still find it in our hearts to reach down deep to donate and assist the families suffering from this devastating disaster,” said Herman’s Bakery president and general manager Juan Pan Guerrero.

Fresh fish sale, used car

auction

Kapit Bisig Para sa Bayan Ko will be holding a fresh fish benefit sale and a used-car auction this weekend as part of its efforts to raise typhoon relief funds.

The fresh fish benefit sale and used car auction will be held this Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Susupe Fish Market across the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

SMJ Road Side Vendor, through Mary Ann Navarro, has pledged its *Lady Manaoag* boat’s catch for the day. All proceeds will be donated to this fundraising effort. Fish sales will be from 3pm to 7pm on that day.

Marcia Oganian has also pledged net proceeds of the sale of her 1990 two-door Toyota Corolla to the same fundraiser. The car will be auctioned by silent bidding at a starting bid of \$400. Auction will be held on the same day and place starting at 3pm and ending promptly at 4pm.

The car will be on display for interested bidders starting at 8am today, Nov. 22, until Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23, at the Mount Carmel field along Beach Road.

For inquiries, text or call Boni at 888-2541. For more information on these events, call Malou Beruenco at 989-6258, Yho Villavicencio at 989-9468, Nemie Cayao at 888-2579, or text Boni Sagana at 888-2541.

MVN to hold another garage sale

Due to insistent public demand, the Marianas Visiting Nurses will also be holding a second garage sale for a cause tomorrow, Nov. 23, from 7am to 5pm at its office in Gualo Rai beside Grand Laundry.

Its Nov. 16 garage sale for a cause raised a total of \$1,023 and organizers said this would go to the Yolanda victims.

MVN is also accepting in-kind donations. For pick up, call 322-2783 or 323-6877.

Petition: Require bid winners to pave Kagman roads

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Kagman residents have launched a signature drive demanding the Department of Public Lands to require road paving in Kagman III and IV among the winning bidders in DPL's request for proposal to lease three beachfront properties in San Antonio and Marpi.

Today, DPL and other members of an ad-hoc review and

selection committee will start interviewing companies short-listed for the lease of the San Antonio property and Marpi lots for new hotel projects.

The petitioners said they are of Northern Marianas descent "and who are rightful owners of all public lands in the CNMI by virtue of Article XI of the CNMI Constitution."

Vicente M. Sablan, an NMD resident of Kagman III and one

of the petitioners, said the winning bidders should be made to "pave all unpaved roads and accesses located within the Kagman III & Kagman IV Subdivisions as 'public contribution' to the NMDs" for the leasing of their public lands.

"We have about 20 residents who signed this petition today and more will be forthcoming after the massive signature drives this Saturday and Sunday,

November 23rd and November 24th at the Kagman Community Center and from house to house in the village," Sablan said.

The petitioners demand asphalt paving of all remaining unpaved roads in Kagman II and IV to include the roads leading to Marine Beach.

"The CNMI government has long ignored the residents and the NMDs within this precinct to provide safe and decent road-

ways, thus it is only fitting that DPL exercise its power and discretion to assist the owners of public lands...by paving all its roads and right-of-ways, for the benefit of the NMDs," they said.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio earlier announced that the companies still in the running to lease a San Antonio lot for hotel development are E Land's Micronesia Resort Inc., and the Hong Kong-based Honest Profit

International Ltd.

MRI and Honest Profit's presentation and interview is today, at different times.

For the Marpi lots, the companies short-listed are E Land's Micronesia Resort Inc. and Tan Holdings. Their interview and presentation is on Dec. 12.

DPL expects to pick and announce the winning bidders for the San Antonio and Marpi lots before the end of the year.

Governor puts on hold \$500 fire permit assessment for review

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he has put a temporary stop to the Commonwealth Fire Division's assessment of a \$500 fire safety code permit fee while the law or regulation is undergoing another round of review, following businesses' concerns that the fee is steep.

"The one update is that we issued cease and desist order, to stop from assessing, because we're revisiting the whole issue," Inos said in an interview at the opening of the Western Pacific Islands Association of Fire Chiefs' Conference at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

Inos said a new legislation

may have to be enacted or the regulations may have to be revised to reduce the fee.

Meanwhile, the House has yet to act on a Senate bill that lowers the fire safety code permit from \$500 to anywhere between \$25 and \$150, depending on the type of business, in response to businesses' sentiments that the permit cost is "exorbitant," "unreasonable," and far exceeds almost all types of business fees and licenses in the CNMI.

The governor, when asked about this bill, said reducing or establishing the fee to recover the cost of inspection "and a little contingency, cannot be just arbitrary."

"I understand they want to do it for \$25 but does it cost only

\$25 to send the fire chiefs to do the inspection and so forth? We are going to take a look at what it takes in terms of costs. Hopefully the fee that's imposed will at least meet the expenses but it won't be \$500 either," Inos said.

Navy seeks public help on assault case

TUMON, Guam—Six sailors reported they were assaulted by unknown perpetrators while in Tumon near the Acanta Mall Nov. 16.

The sailors were allegedly approached by a large group of

individuals who assaulted them with bats, clubs and pipes.

The sailors were treated at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam for various lacerations and injuries and released to their commands.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Naval Criminal Investigative Service at 339-7220, Guam Police Department Tamuning-Tumon Precinct at 649-6330 or Crime Stoppers at 477-4357. (PR)



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CNMI OPERATION HOMEFRONT SUPPORT 2013**Cash and in-kind donations trickling in**

With eight days to go before they begin preparing care packages for shipment to the islands' service personnel around the world, the 6th Annual CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013 has already received a lot of items as well as surprise cash donations from two companies.

Nola Hix, officer-in-charge of this year's CNMI Operation Homefront Support, said they recently got a \$500 donation from the Bank of Saipan, which they will use to send the care packages through the U.S. Post Office. This comes on the heels of Xerox Corp. also donating \$500 to the cause.

Hix said they're also confirmed in-kind donation of cookies from the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, rice crackers from Joeten Enterprises, dried mango from Genpro International Wholesale, Spam from D&Q International Distributors, coconut chips from Hafadai Publications, cases of Ichiban noodle bowls from Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) and Patrick and Bertha Leon Guerrero, postcards from Jack

Hardy, toothbrushes from Seventh Day Adventist, Beach Road Magazines/Marianas Business Journal publications from Glimpses, Saipan Tribune/TAGA Sports magazine publications from Saipan Tribune, T-shirts from I Love Saipan, CNMI flags from the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, and CNMI pendants from the Governor's Office.

"We are still awaiting a few more confirmations but we're more than confident that our previous donors will also participate this year. The community is more than welcome to donate in-kind items like Ichiban noodle bowls and Ace of Diamond Tuna as this is what we've always seem to lack every year and they can contact me for more information," said Hix.

She also appealed to the community to continue sending in service members' addresses. "We have over 200 addresses and hope to receive more next week before we pack the goods to send to the CNMI enlisted personnel just in time for the holidays."

Hix thanked Saipan Southern High School, Marianas High School, Kagman High School, and Mt. Carmel School for the volunteers they provide every year.

She also asked the community to support Hyatt Regency Saipan's last FARE.SHARE.CARE. event today at the Kili Café & Terrace. The Garapan landmark is donating proceeds from its Marianas Barbecue Nights at Kili Café and Terrace on Nov. 5, 8, 15, and 22, to the CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013's cause.

For more information about CNMI Operation Homefront Support 2013, contact Hix via e-mail at nola.hix@mail.com or call her at 989-NOLA (6652).

CNMI Operation Homefront Support ships care packages to CNMI service personnel worldwide around Thanksgiving. The care packages include letters of support from school children, newspapers, magazines, postcards, T-shirts, local favorite packaged foods and other items unique to the islands. *(Mark Rabago)*

ARC, DPS, HSEM collaborate on safety warning signs at beaches

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, the Department of Public Safety, and the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are working on a project to put up safety warning signs at several beaches on Saipan.

Red Cross executive director John Hirsh, DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero, and HSEM special assistant Marvin K. Seman met Wednesday at the ARC's office to talk about how to properly erect the safety warning signs by next month.

Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr., officer-in-charge of DPS Boating Safety Unit, and Emergency Management watch station manager John Takai Camacho also took part in the meeting.

Hirsh noted that it is distressing to see people die in the water. He underscored the importance of the signs as a lot of people, for example, do not understand rip currents. He said the signs will help build awareness of water safety among residents and tourists alike.

"So it is a collaboration between the

Red Cross, a donor, and our government agencies," Hirsh said.

The safety warning signs, he said, will be made from aluminum so they would last awhile. He said they ordered 49 signs altogether.

Hirsh said if there's any area where there's high surf or strong currents, those are the signs that are going to put up there. At Forbidden Island or Grotto for example, he said, they might put the slippery rocks sign.

In addition, Hirsh said, they will be posting on the Marianas Visitors Authority's website public awareness campaigns not just of swimming hazards but general safety hazards.

Deleon Guerrero said the purchase of the signs came from a donation made to Red Cross by the family of a Japanese tourist who drowned several years ago on the island.

Deleon Guerrero was referring to the drowning of Megumi Morita of Kobe, Japan, at the Grotto in 2005. Last April, her family donated \$10,000 to ARC. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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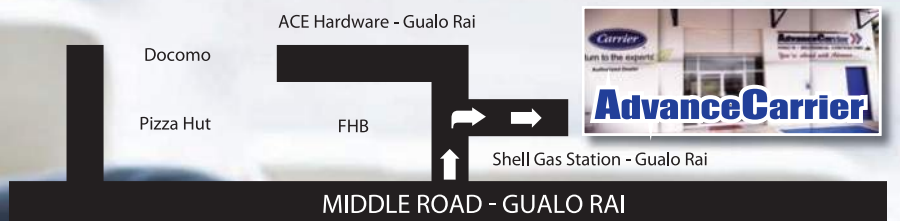
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Municipal Council cleans up Susupe Lake environs

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12th Saipan and Northern Islands Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, third from left, poses with other volunteers of last Saturday's cleanup of Susupe Village.

The 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Council kicked off its Revitalization and Enhancement Cleanup under the Neighborhood Watch Program last Saturday with a cleanup of the environs of Susupe Lake.

Council chair Ramon B. Camacho said that around nine volunteers showed up to pick up trash and spruce up the area from 2pm to 6pm last weekend.

Aside from the typical beer and soft drink cans, the volunteers also collected other trash that included plastic bags, Styrofoam containers, and other refuse.

Camacho said the cleanup of Susupe Village is just the start of his plan to enlist the community's support in reviving the council's Revitalization and Enhancement Cleanup initiative.

Next up for the initiative is Dandan Village, as Camacho

said the village's leaders are meeting today at 6pm to plan their own cleanup. He added that Chalan Kiya is also interested in taking part in the program and its leaders, Jesus Sablan and Frank Salas, have already contacted his office.

If any other village community would like to join the Revitalization and Enhancement Cleanup program they would have to contact the council's office to coordinate the activity.

Camacho said he wants to start an inner village-by-village cleanup campaign to revitalize Saipan.

The Neighborhood Watch Program Camacho is championing intends to build partnerships with the community through projects like village cleanups and monitoring of locales against criminal activity. *(Mark Rabago)*



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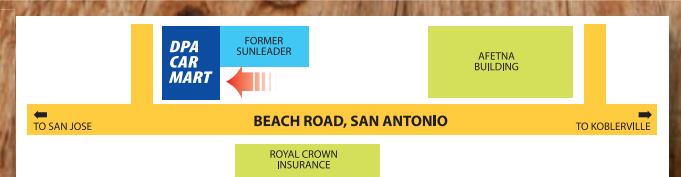
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/s/ Timothy H. Bellas

\$4.9M increase in electric base rates, 5 issues on CPUC table

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Despite the withdrawal of two petitions before the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, there remains a number of proposals the regulatory body is expected to act on at its hearing next month.

These proposals include a recommendation to increase the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s electric base rate and five other recommendations on non-rate issues.

On Monday, CUC withdrew its rate hike petition for the \$1.84 million funding it needs for its pipeline project. Its petition to increase water and wastewater charges was cancelled the previous week.

Left on the CPUC table for deliberation is the \$4.93 million increase in electric base rates to fund revenue requirements. Under these requirements are the \$1.2 million needed to pay the Commonwealth Development Authority and the \$1.41 million that will be incurred related to the change order no. 5 of the Telesource contract, the power producer on Tinian. Change order No. 5 provides extensions of up to 15 years on the Telesource contract, with incremental increases each year that will be sourced from electric base charges.

The five non-rate proposals are a plan to revise the electric residential customer rate block; amendment of the electric lifeline rate; the creation of an electric large customer standby charge; approval of new or revised "non-rate" fees; and authority to adjust the monthly LEAC (levelized energy adjustment clause).

CUC wants to be allowed to adjust the LEAC monthly because it believes that this will more accurately reflect the current cost of fuel.

In a notice by CPUC yesterday, the commission disclosed that all these petitions are currently being reviewed by its consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group, which is expected to submit a position to the CPUC. Hearing is scheduled on Dec. 9 on Saipan, Dec. 11 on Tinian, and Dec. 12 on Rota.

The commission will also review other CUC issues, including the status of the agency's account receivables, the status of the \$1 million awarded to CUC to pay for a supposed loan with Independence Bank that never took off, and the creation of a net metering program.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 22, 2005

Smooth transition assured

Outgoing Gov. Juan N. Babauta vowed yesterday to facilitate a smooth transition of power to his successor, House Speaker and governor-elect Benigno R. Fitial. "First, I would like to congratulate the speaker and the vice speaker [Timothy Villagomez] on winning this election. I will do anything to make the transition as smooth as possible. All the books and records will be made available to them," Babauta said in an interview. Babauta said he plans on working up to his last day in office and continuing some of his administration's ongoing projects. Among these projects are the Water Task Force's smart meter installation and leak detection programs, the construction of an ocean outfall in Agingan, coral reef protection efforts, and the government's recycling program. Looking back at the past four years, the governor expressed belief that he and Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente did a lot of good things for the Commonwealth.

New water rates now permanent

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has adopted as permanent the regulations setting a new rate schedule for water service. The water rates have been in effect since July 2005, after CUC adopted the regulations on an emergency basis. Emergency regulations become effective immediately upon the approval of the Attorney General's Office and concurrence of the governor. But they remain effective for a maximum of 120 days only. CUC now adopts the rate schedule permanently and without modification. Before the regulations were adopted, all customers were charged a flat rate of \$11.10 for water service per month.

November 22, 2006

Peeved CUC clients troop to court

About a hundred people, mostly those whose power had been cut, trooped to the federal court yesterday afternoon, supposedly to attend a status conference for the reopening of a 1993 class lawsuit against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson, however, called the counsel involved in the lawsuit to his chamber for a conference. Led by congressmen Stanley Torres, Ray Tebuteb, Manny Tenorio, and Ben Seman, the people who came for the hearing waited for the result of the conference outside the Horiguchi Building.

One of Plumeria's owners told to remit \$224,194 to the resort

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman yesterday ordered one of the owners of Plumeria Resort in San Roque to remit \$224,194 to the resort. Wiseman directed Wan Jin Yoon, one of the members of Saipan Achugao Resort Members' Association, to give the amount to SARMA on or before Dec. 15, 2006. Wiseman ordered that Yoon either relinquish his rental receipts to SARMA or pay a higher assessment figure on or before Dec. 15, 2006. The judge also ordered Three Bell to remit to Yoon any net profit collected on the rental of the commercial area at Plumeria Resort that the company leased for dates extending beyond the May 25, 2006, court judgment.

November 22, 2007

DUI arrests drop 54.6 percent

Fewer people are being arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol in the CNMI this year compared to previous years. According to the Department of Public Safety yesterday, beginning January up to October 2007 there were 227 DUI arrests on Saipan, one on Tinian, and one on Rota. One alcohol-related fatality was recorded and this happened on Saipan, DPS said. In the same period last year, 354 people were arrested for DUI and there was one pedestrian who died as a result of an intoxicated driver. This year's decrease in DUI arrests is a significant 54.6 percent.

Coalition, Saipan Ice tie up to address diabetes problem

The Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition and Saipan Ice and Water highlighted their new partnership in addressing childhood obesity and diabetes with the launch of new media campaign yesterday. Saipan Ice and Water president Eileen Olopai-Pellegrino initially pitched the idea of addressing the issue of diabetes to the coalition. According to Tayna Camacho, Diabetes Prevention & Control program manager, it is very important to address the obesity issue in the CNMI because 40 percent of high school sophomores in the CNMI are obese, based on a 2003 study.

CHC enforces new salary scale for its physicians

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REPORTER

Gone are the days when the salaries of doctors at the Commonwealth Health Center were determined based on their individual demands. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. developed and is now enforcing a new salary scale for its physicians.

Interim corporation CEO Esther Muña told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the new salary mechanism was put in place in order to give doctors salaries based on their credentials.

The plan provides a per annum compensation that ranges between \$100,000 and

\$265,000, depending on their specialties.

"What we noticed were that salaries were based on what the physician will accept as compensation. This is what happened when CHCC lost its pool of physicians and it was extremely difficult to recruit. We want to break that compensation determination and that whoever we hire is compensated based on their experience, their specialty, and their board certification," explained Muña.

CHC has 23 doctors right now. It still needs at least 10 more to cover all critical areas of the hospital.

Muña emphasized that CHC right now has a "qual-

ity" pool of doctors. Though only a few are board-certified in two or more specializations, Muña said the corporation makes sure that they are given a salary based on the certification they practice at the hospital. For instance, if a doctor is applying for an internal medicine position but is board-certified in family practice, that physician is considered not board-certified in IM but certified as a family practice doctor and the corporation will base the physician's salary on that.

Muña belied rumors that CHC, due to its lack of funds, is bringing in non-board certified doctors from Third

World countries who accept lower salaries.

"Absolutely not true. The physicians we are hiring are trained and went to school in the U.S. All our physicians are of quality. We're always looking for the best and they must be able to work with their peers and can follow the policies and procedures of the hospital," she said, adding that other U.S. hospitals also bring in physicians who are not U.S. citizens.

"The CNMI is a recognized health professional shortage area and that is why we can use the J-1 visa waiver offered by the U.S. but it doesn't waive CHCC from hiring less

qualified physicians. We are still a Medicare-certified facility and standards are still required," she added.

Under the new salary scale for doctors, the housing allowance was totally eliminated but is now built into their new compensation package, Muña said. The housing allowance used to be given to personnel recruited from outside the CNMI. This amounts to \$800 per month for those with families and \$600 per month for single employees.

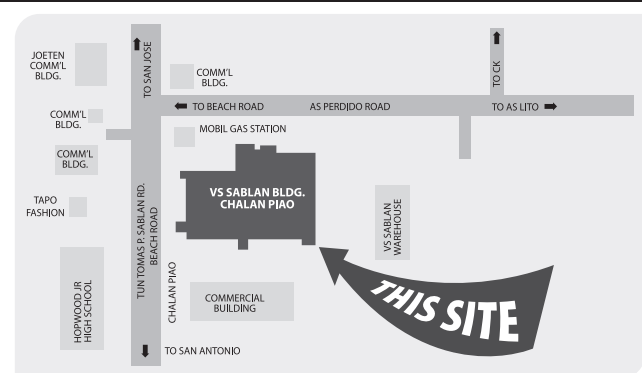
Muña said that prior to the creation of the salary scale for doctors, each one went through a salary review to make sure that the plan is fair

for everyone.

The 23 doctors at the Commonwealth Health Center right now include four at internal medicine; three at the pediatric clinic; two at the surgery department; three at the emergency room; three anesthesiologists; one nephrologist; one orthopedic surgeon; two assigned at hospital clinics; one at psychiatry; two at obstetrics-gynecology; and one at the tuberculosis department.

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Rap lyrics decoded, legally

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday, Nov. 19:

Trying to decode rap lyrics, as rich as they often are in regional slang and obscure references, can be like watching a foreign-language movie without subtitles. For instance, on “A Queens Story,” what does Nas mean when he raps, “You be starving in Kew Gardens/Bolognas and milk from a small carton”? That’s where the Rap Genius website comes in. Users of the site not only have transcribed and uploaded thousands of raps, they annotated them with explanations. For instance, three Rap Genius contributors explained that Kew Gardens is the site of the Queens Criminal Court, and bologna sandwiches with a carton of milk is a typical meal served in jail.

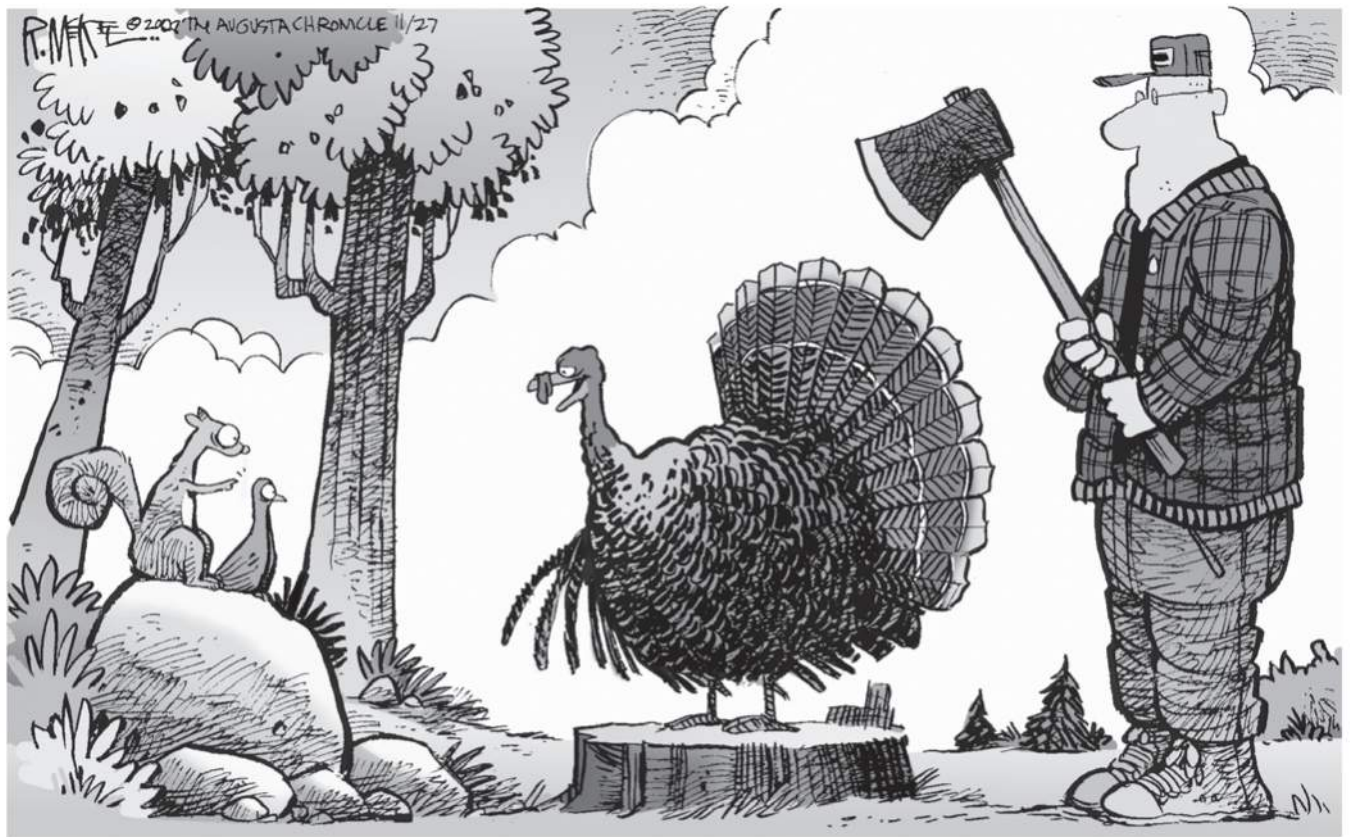
Last week, however, the National Music Publishers Association—a trade association for the companies that own the copyrights to musical compositions and lyrics—sent Rap Genius and 49 other websites takedown notices demanding that they remove some of the lyrics they’d posted. The group said that if the sites didn’t obtain licenses for all of the lyrics they’d posted, it would sue them for copyright infringement.

The publishers’ epic rap battle with Rap Genius appears to have ended almost as quickly as it began, however. The site revealed Thursday that it had already struck a deal with the largest of the publishers, Sony/ATV Music Publishing, before the association sent its takedown notice. And on Monday, the association announced that it was in talks with the site and putting its legal fight on hold.

Music publishers have been trying to crack down on unlicensed lyrics sites for years, and they’ve persuaded at least 30 online sources of lyrics to strike deals. Typically, lyrics sites do little more than offer a searchable database of song lyrics, yet the publishers association contends that they can generate a substantial amount of revenue by running advertisements. The unlicensed sites draw viewers away from the licensed ones, cutting the royalties the latter pay to copyright holders.

Rap Genius is a much more substantial site—so much so that some artists contribute annotations of their own—and the annotated lyrics arguably are the sort of commentary favored under the fair-use provisions of copyright law. In addition, because the lyrics are uploaded by users, Rap Genius could conceivably claim that any liability would rest with those users, not the site. But rather than waging a long and costly battle in court, the two sides seem to have wisely recognized their mutual interests. Rap Genius can’t maintain a comprehensive site without the cooperation of the copyright owners, and music publishers need the enthusiasm and demand for their artists’ work that the site promotes. That’s a balance Rap Genius and copyright holders should keep in mind as the site expands into more genres of user-annotated works.

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Polyester and cigar lighters

I hope you’ll overlook the potato chip crumbs on my shirt. I had lunch in my beach chair today. It’s good to be back in familiar surroundings after going afieled last week to give you an automotive report. My report: It’s a tough world out there.

And it’s an expensive world, too. You don’t need me to tell you that for many residents of Saipan, a car is the most costly thing they’ll ever buy. The same applies to Guam, the mainland, and, well, probably a lot of other places, too.

I’m always keeping an eye out for something to work into the rotation so I can keep our nice car in the garage while exposing cheaper iron to the abuses of daily use. Such are the imperatives of family life; everything is a juggling act. But the logic is simple: Never risk a queen when you can use a pawn.

And if you’re down to just one piece, well, the gig just gets more critical, not less. So, either way, we’re wise to continue our discussion from last week, which pondered the buying process for used cars. I did note that some items would deserve follow-up, so here we are.

First, some bad news: I’m not an expert. I’m just a guy who likes cars.

But here’s the good news: None of the items below require expensive tools, or getting one’s hands dirty.

1). Window markings

Buying a crashed car dressed up as a healthy one is a big risk in used cars, probably the biggest.

So here’s one set of clues to consider: window markings. I’ll share a quick war story:

I was recently inspecting an SUV. At first glance it looked like just what I wanted, and, in fact, I’ve been after this exact model for two years.

The seller, a shifty-eyed little man in a Tattersall shirt, represented the vehicle as having no history of damage, accidents, or body work.

From the factory, this particular type of SUV enters life with its brand and logo stamped on all the windows. But the example I was inspecting had two side windows (on opposite sides, incidentally) without the appropriate markings. These were obviously after-market replacements.

This inspired me to look at things more carefully. The more I tugged on this yarn, the more my enthusiasm unraveled. It turns out the SUV had been in two crashes, and I’m not talking little fender-benders either. It was a loser. And it was the windows that tipped me off, which probably saved me from being the loser, too.

That’s the end of my story. You can look at your car, or any random car in a parking lot, to get a feel for window markings.

The dark tinting commonly used on Saipan can, however, make window markings hard to read.

On the other hand, shifty-eyed little men are easy to read. But it’s a shame when they disgrace the dignity of Tattersall. Is nothing sacred? Those guys should stick with polyester.

2). Cigar lighter voltage checker

Hey, I’m old school. I still call the cigarette lighter the cigar lighter. I call the accessory plug the cigar lighter, even though there’s no

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lighter in it at all.

But whatever you want to call it, it’s useful when accessed with the right tool. This tool is the Innova 3721 Battery and Charging System Monitor. The retail price is \$26.85 but street prices are often a lot less.

Anyway, of most relevance to car buying, the tool allows us to check how many volts the system is carrying when the car is running. Its large digital display is easy to read, and it even has three simple lights (red, yellow, green) for even easier reference. And, yes, it has instructions, too.

This is a nice arrangement, since, from my experience, electrical problems don’t always announce themselves via dashboard indications.

Electrical systems are complicated. They are, in fact, frequently evil. So this little doodad isn’t going to replace a professional-grade diagnostic cart, a competently used multi-meter, or a properly performed exorcism.

Still, many demons can be kept at bay with this tool, thus showing the enduring relevance of cigar lighters.

3). Air conditioning thermometer

Put your hand in front of the air conditioning duct. Is the air cold enough? Are you sure? Even ambient air, when blowing, will make your hand feel cooler.

There’s no need for guesswork here. We can use a “dial thermometer,” so named for the simple analog dial that serves as a readout. The automotive models often cost about \$10 at entry level.

For posterity I’ll note that the type I use, the “Certified A/C Pro model TH-27,” has given good service. It cost \$8 and has simple instructions on the packaging.

4). Tires

Here’s something counterintuitive: I shy away from old cars with new tires.

The reason is that old tires tell a story with their wear pattern. If they’re wearing evenly then it’s a good sign. Uneven wear, by contrast, indicates a problem, perhaps a big one, which must be investigated before proceeding any further.

5). Final thoughts

Actually, I don’t have any final thoughts. But once I get boxed into a numbered format there’s no elegant way to conclude an essay.

So, uh, thanks for visiting me today. And, oh yeah: Want a potato chip?

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CUC's ill-fated legal fight

The decision by CUC to fight the lawsuit filed by Saipan Development LLC is all smoke and is destined to get a royal roast at day's end. Initially, I was misled by reportorial shortsightedness, including lack of depth and clarity what the convoluted beast is all about.

I even joined the parade demonizing the deal when in fact the negotiations were held in clean fashion. Have done due diligence in the interest of the truth.

The head of CUC must explain what he's opted to ignore: the fact that there never was a \$190-million contract. I've reviewed the contract where the offer is \$70 million with a provision to cut power rates by 10 percent.

This was never given prominence, perhaps out of fear that ratepayers (consumers) would learn that it was actually a better deal over the pile of incompetence they all have to endure under the current management. CUC's Alan Fletcher refuses to "tell it like it is." His rain and fire dance could only last for so long after which the truth would simply pummel the CUC boss into humiliation.

It's an interesting legal battle in futility in that at day's end CUC would have to fork out millions more in award money for Saipan Development LLC or Delaware firm, a family business of over 100 years. Is it right to malign the firm, including sacrificing ratepayers in the interest of self-preservation? Say CUC is found guilty of defamation and must therefore pay several million dollars in fines. Doesn't this turn into another obligation and layer of payment we ratepayers must pay back?

Admirable, though, Fletcher's desperate measure spending millions of dollars on useless projects like the pipeline and oil storage facilities. It's all waste in that they would turn obsolete when the system is privatized with 100 percent renewable energy. It's all scare tactics, sir, and we know your MO at this point. We've ripped and shredded your spin and aren't scared of your paper tiger. Don't pass this wasteful spending to ratepayers. Pay it yourself if only to acknowledge, in royal fashion, the incompetence of your agency in the provision of affordable power generation.

But let's begin by your telling the general public that it was a \$70 million contract that included a 10 percent cut in power bills for all

consumers. The truth, please!

Future: All about policy decisions

We all aspire for greater economic freedom among families throughout the archipelago. Sad that our dreams and aspirations for an even playing field of economic prosperity and opportunities have suffocated in hopelessness. We do not now have such freedom.

If you will, the debt and deficit levels have stripped the local government of sufficient revenues to meet its obligations. The deafening effects cascade down to the villages too.

The combined cut of 25 percent in pension pay and the competing and impending increase in power rates effectively rob families of their purchasing power. Incompetence adds 30 percent in cost against meager family income. It doesn't sound like there's an effort to help "we the people" deal with the horrendous cost of living, is there?

A cut is a cut or a reduction in family pocketbooks just in time for the holiday season. Perhaps we ought to start humming *O Holy Night* and *Silent Night*.

As asserted recently in this corner of the paper, policy dictates everything, especially the wellbeing of a people in any society. The CNMI isn't an exemption in this case. In fact, its foundational fragility is found in its historical posture as a resource-poor archipelago. Thus urgent and serious policy reviews turn even more critical at this point in our developmental history.

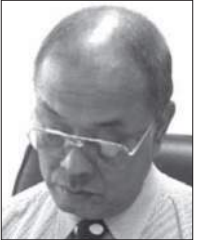
The debt of about \$369 million is a tale of significant losses in revenue generation piled up by deficit spending where we spend money beyond what we can realistically collect annually. Has anyone taken critical review whether recent fiscal policies help reverse revenue losses or did it exact the complete opposite?

The all-too-apparent loose attitude on the fiscal posture of the CNMI is very troubling. Are we supposed to tacitly swallow the whimsical nature with which serious policy questions are shoved aside for another rainy day? Isn't there now a vicious fiscal storm over the archipelago we seem to ignore or neglect? Would we be sufficiently poised to weather a fiscally fatal blow back? Have we given fidelity to obligations in order to get our fiscal house in order?

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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With the fiscal posture heading Deep South, is there hope that we could reasonably face reality check before the entire archipelago is torched by the magma of fiscal disaster? The trail of woefully painful hardship is all over these isles. And as the swish of apathy rings louder, the more it shows the persistent hardship families have to endure.

What's the net effect of this mediocrity in grand complacency? The door of meaningful opportunities for both "wealth and jobs creations" is slammed closed, shut, and bolted against the face of "we the people."

Ramblings

The pathway to citizenship per a proposal from our illustrious and esteemed Delegate Kili deserves sober review reciting this provision under INS:

"The 'subject to the jurisdiction' provision must therefore require something in addition to mere birth on U.S. soil. The language of the 1866 Civil Rights Act, from which the Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment was derived, provides the key to its meaning. The 1866 Act provides:

"All persons born in the United States, and not subject to any foreign power, excluding Indians not taxed, are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States." [3] As this formulation makes clear, any child born on U.S. soil to parents who were temporary visitors to this country and who, as a result of the foreign citizenship of the child's parents, remained a citizen or subject of the parents' home country was not entitled to claim the birthright citizenship provided by the 1866 Act."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When will enough be enough?

Editor's Note: Due to its length, the following letter is being published in three parts. This is the second part.

On the second page of the resolution, just below the first mention of the right of local self-governance, is a paragraph in which the author of the resolution tries to set a tone for the rest of the resolution, one in which the local indigenous population is fighting off a foreign invasion. The author does so by alluding briefly to the historical examples of the Filipinos who struggled against the Spanish colonizers, the Native Americans, Aborigines, and Maoris who all struggled against the British colonizers, and the Native Hawaiians who struggled against American colonizers. The author also brings up the example of the indigenous Fijians, who were once outnumbered by foreign Indian laborers, which is a closer example to our own situation, but is still very different and therefore irrelevant. The common theme in all of the examples listed in that paragraph of the resolution, which is also the one reason why they are not suitable examples to bring up, is that all of these indigenous people mentioned had their situations thrust upon them by a foreign entity without their consent. We in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, however, brought this upon ourselves. We chose to go down this path and have no one to blame for it but ourselves. And yet our legislators want to make it seem like all of these foreign workers who have been coming in from all over Asia this whole time came here unwanted and unrequested and are now trying to stage an invasion of our islands with the intent of taking away the "social, economic, and political rights and all that they have aspired, bargained, and worked hard to achieve." In keeping with this theme of "the foreigners are the bad guys and we the indigenous people are victims in all this," the fourth page of the resolution starts out by stating that 71 percent of the CNMI population consists of "these foreign people" and then later in the same paragraph says

that "the Chamorros and Carolinians of the Northern Marianas Islands will ultimately become powerless and [a] minority voice in their homeland" and that their "social, economic, and political rights and all that they have aspired, bargained and worked hard to achieve... will undeniably be taken away from them." Somehow, our legislators don't understand that granting one group of people a certain set of rights that they deserve does not in any way take away the rights of another group of people, and they expect the rest of us to share in their lack of understanding, as is evidenced in the resolution through their constant use of fear-mongering and playing the victim card, trying to make it seem like the worst thing we could ever do for our islands is grant our brothers and sisters the status that they deserve for all the hard work that they've done for us.

Later, in the eighth page of the resolution, the author of the resolution continues to target "alien workers, their families, and people of other ethnic origin or race" and paint them in a negative light by saying that section 2019 of S.744 and other similar Acts by Congress will give birth to a new form of foreign domination of the indigenous people. If our legislators did not want "foreign domination," perhaps they should have stuck to the original plan of only having imported labor here as guest workers for a short time until our people were trained and skilled enough to take their place. Instead, our government kept allowing foreign labor to pour into our islands, even when the data collected periodically showed that the foreign worker population was skyrocketing above the local indigenous population. Instead of thinking about the societal implications of having so many foreign workers living and working on our islands for such a long time, our lawmakers were only thinking about how businesses could continue on in the most profitable manner possible (hiring foreign workers who, out of their desire to continue living and working on our islands, would basically take whatever

was thrown at them). So no, House of Representatives, Section 2109 will not give birth to a new form of foreign domination, because our very own Public Law 03-66 already paved the road to that for us, and our own government, through its noncompliance with the original intent of PL 03-66, was what gave birth to what you call a new form of "foreign domination." At this time, however, I would like to point out that members of our government seem to be the only ones who still consider these foreign workers, our brothers and sisters who have helped us so much along the way, as foreigners. For the most part, from what I gather, the majority of the CNMI populace does not consider these people foreigners; they consider them brothers and sisters who have put in their fair share of work and more into building the CNMI into what it is today. Many of the foreign workers themselves also consider our beautiful islands their home, having lived there for a large portion of their adult lives, with many of them even getting married and having children there. Even so, these 13 representatives who voted to adopt HR 18-34 seem to want us to consider our brothers and sisters as foreigners who are here to dominate us, as evidenced by the numerous mentions of "foreign dominance" in the resolution.

Furthermore, toward the end of the eighth page of the resolution, it says that the granting of U.S. permanent residency and a pathway to citizenship for our brothers and sisters "will have a devastating effect on the social, political, and economic livelihood of the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Mariana Islands." To that, I say, is that such a horrible thing? One only needs to read one day's worth of local news to see that the current state of the social, political, and economic livelihood of the Chamorro and Carolinian people isn't doing all too well as it is with the way that our government has been running things this whole time. In fact, the social, political, and economic live-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲87° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲86° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲86° ▼77°

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲86° ▼77°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Palau	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Yap	Showers	▲90 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲73 ▼62
Beijing	Sunny	▲55 ▼28
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼70
Honolulu	Showers	▲83 ▼70
London	Partly Cloudy	▲45 ▼39
Los Angeles	Showers	▲65 ▼52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼49
Miami	Showers	▲83 ▼73
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲49 ▼42
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲59 ▼46
Paris	Cloudy	▲40 ▼36
Pusan	Sunny	▲58 ▼41
Rome	Rain	▲54 ▼47
Salem	Sunny	▲46 ▼25
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼46
Seoul	Sunny	▲51 ▼36
Tokyo	Sunny	▲60 ▼42
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲54 ▼45

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:18 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
11:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:11 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:29 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends southwestward from 25N148E to 18N138E to beyond 130E at 17N. Low cloudiness and scattered showers are present along and up to 250 miles northwest of this boundary. A weak surface trough extends northward from 1N138E to Yap to 13N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 200 miles either side of a line from EQ135E to 11N136E to 13N143E. This includes Yap and Palau but is west of the Marianas. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a isolated thunderstorms south of Pohnpei between 2N and 6N from 156E to 162E. A trade-wind disturbance centered east of Majuro near 6N178E is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands within 100 miles of a line from 4N172E to beyond 180 at 6N.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:32 PM	9:47 AM
Saturday	10:20 PM	10:30 AM
Sunday	11:08 PM	11:11 AM
Monday	11:56 PM	11:51 AM
Tuesday		12:30 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	1:35pm	2:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	2:40pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:25pm	2, 6 via NRT
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ6063	3:30am	7:20am	4, 7
D2104	2:00pm	5:30pm	6
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:05am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:40am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM
UA5038/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
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PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:35am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

D2101	8:30am	2:00pm	3
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
D2103	7:30pm	1:00am+1	6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ6053	9:10pm	2:30am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily
PR110/UA5072	7:35am	5:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:40am	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:00am	5:35pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:59pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	11:10pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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lihood of everyone, not just the Chamorro and Carolinian people, really isn't doing too well these days. So why not enact legislation that will have a devastating effect on things as they currently are? Why not try something new that will completely shake up the status quo in our Commonwealth? When will enough be enough? When will we tire of business as usual in the CNMI?

I ask all of you reading this letter now to take a step back and seriously think about this question: would you honestly rather go on with the way things are right now, prolonging the failed status quo of our islands, or would you rather be open to the possibilities of a different future where we gain thousands of new minds into our voting pool and thousands of new "official" community members who can then shift their focus away from worrying about whether or not they will still be able to call our Commonwealth home and toward helping us come up with possible solutions to our shared problems? Our legislators seem to think that we should keep on going with business as usual, and they seem to think that it will still be business as usual if all of the "alien workers, their families, and persons of other ethnic origin" were to leave the CNMI. Apparently, they also

seem to think that we all think this, too; after all, in their role as our representatives, they took it upon themselves to conceive and adopt HR 18-34, basically telling the members of the U.S. House of Representatives that the people of the CNMI do not want the foreign workers to get U.S. permanent residency or a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

These representatives of ours even went so far as to try to justify their stance against granting our many brothers and sisters a pathway to U.S. citizenship, saying that regardless of how long they've been working in the Commonwealth, they should not "be automatically entitled to full social, economic, and political rights, because such benefits and privileges of United States citizens were never promised, bargained, entered and/or agreed upon in their employment contracts." The resolution also says in the same paragraph that no discussions were "made or suggested for alien workers, their families, and persons of other ethnic origin or race to become permanent resident[s] during the negotiation of [the] Covenant Agreement between the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States of America." First of all, this is a really weak argument, because, considering the fact that alien workers weren't even on the islands during the negotiation of our Covenant, of course no discus-

sions were made or suggested for them to become permanent residents at that time! Do our representatives really take us for such fools? Secondly, their argument that the foreign workers should not gain "full social, economic, and political rights" just because such things were not a part of their employment contracts, however long they have been living and working in the CNMI, only serves to make them look like heartless, uncaring, selfish people who want to reap the rewards of the hard work done by all of our brothers and sisters, without giving them just compensation for everything that they've done and everything they've had to endure in the process of serving our Commonwealth. Because these people are supposed to be representing us, someone from the outside with absolutely no connection to the CNMI and no knowledge of its people and culture could, upon reading this resolution, come to the conclusion that the residents of the CNMI are all like this. Is this really the image that we want to be sending out to the USA and to the world? Do we really want to be known as people who use other people to build us up and then kick them out when we're done with them, despite all the time they have spent with us and worked toward our collective success? *To be continued.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A wolf bearing gifts

Beware of the bad wolf bearing gifts between now and November of next year! Every place I go here on Saipan, retirees would approach me to express their frustration, anger and how the 25 percent diminishment in their pension is affecting their lives. Some would also tell me that I am doing a good job and others would just wish me good luck and hope I prevail in our appeal to the Ninth Circuit and in my lawsuit against Gov. Inos. These retirees are reminding us that: (1) the single person directly and officially responsible for the demise of our pension program, and caused

to diminish and impaired our constitutionally protected pension is running as "This is IT" gubernatorial candidate; (2) Gov. Inos has neither shame nor empathy for retirees on whom he has inflicted severe financial harm and emotional anxiety and now has the audacity to come back and ask us for our vote; (3) Gov. Inos has the constitutional authority to rescue the Retirement Fund from financial collapse but he has chosen the easy way out, subjecting retirees to severe mental anguish.

There are a significant number of retirees showing signs of overwhelming worry,

heightened fear, and panic. We will soon be seeing a dramatic increase in the number of retirees seeking medical attention for all sorts of anxiety disorders. This is the ultimate strength of Inos' competence and leadership as governor—to dramatically increase medical referrals of retirees with standby coffins for a comfortable return back home to their loved ones.

As election year progresses, we retirees will be overwhelmed with all kinds of gimmicks and politricks to convince us to vote for "This is IT" to represent our interests just as they routinely do

but with different camouflage. Don't forget who promised Better Times with bitter results! Who is the real "Let 'it' BE"? Inos himself of course! Who bragged about financial experience to rescue us from the evils of political ineptitude? "IT" is Inos again! Retirees, beware of the "wolf bearing gifts" because he is uniting with the mighty financial elites to fund his election campaign and the rest of the "This is IT" candidates. How did I reach this conclusion? A good friend of mine went to Eloy Inos' birthday gala for the single purpose of wanting to see who were there and

guess who he saw in the air-conditioned hall? The huge financiers and associates of Eloy Inos. I wouldn't be surprised if the video lottery gaming that was recently passed into law is a return favor to financiers and associates under the guise of generating money for retirees. The casino bill is next!

Retirees, please pay particular attention to how the 25-percent cut in our pension will be politically manipulated for the political benefit of the Inos/Torres tandem. A good friend of mine once told me of a political secret of the "Let 'it' BE" camp to win the election: Make people hungry, so to speak, then at the right time feed them well. Recall how the governor miraculously found money to pay the opt-out retirees, despite forcefully informing retirees not to opt out because "If they don't want to join the settlement, there is nothing [he] can do. [He] cannot guarantee payment even if they decide to go to Finance to demand their checks. They are not going to get a check. They can't. They won't."

This time he will not use the hunger strategy. To people who are less familiar with budgetary gimmicky, they may be convinced that Gov. Inos is covering our backs. But in essence, what he is actually doing is using what I call the "infusive budgetary stratagem"—a trick to deceive voters by manipulating our tax money to make it appear as though, out of his brilliance, public services are being effectively administered and managed. But because election year politics is starting early and since Gov. Inos and his candidates have nothing else to say that will be believable and since he is extremely desperate to retain his seat and to control the 19th Legislature, he will resort to whatever gimmicks and politricks possible to win the election, including paying us retirees our 25 percent and then, after winning the election, he will again make the cut.

You may ask why I am casting a pessimistic view of Gov. Inos. My simple and uncomplicated answer is that he had been in the executive office for almost 10 years and in all these years our lives has gotten progressively worse. As a result of his act in co-opting the destruction of the Retirement Fund, retirees are now suffering from anxiety and panic disorder because we are on fixed income and our financial obligations have been earmarked based on our 100 percent pension.

Let us not be fooled by Eloy Inos' "gifts" because I have decoded the wrappings.

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Guam Society of America named Outstanding State Society awardee

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) announced Tuesday that the Guam Society of America was selected as the recipient of the Roy C. Haines Award as the Outstanding State/Territorial Society for 2013-2014 by the National Conference of State Societies.

The Roy C. Haines Award is given to a state society for demonstrating sustained best organizational practices resulting in a viable and active society; supporting and participating in NCSS programs, projects and activities; and sponsoring special projects, programs or activities of a community-service nature reflecting credit on the society, its members and by extension on the NCSS.

The Guam Society of America works to promote Chamorro

language, culture and traditions, and it brings together families from Guam who have relocated to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The organization strives to encourage educational, cultural, civic, and social programs and activities among the members and friends of the Society in the District of Columbia and its surrounding communities.

"I congratulate the Guam Society of America on receiving the National Conference of State Societies' Roy C. Haines Award as the outstanding state society for 2013-2014," said Bordallo. "The GSA has been instrumental to bringing together families from Guam in the DC area. I commend the efforts of GSA President Mike Blas, vice president Ray Dueñas, treasurer Aylene Mufnas,

secretary Peter Camit, past officers and all members for their outstanding work to promote Guam's culture and heritage in the nation's capital. I look forward to continue working with them in the future."

GSA president Blas said: "Being awarded the NCSS' Haines Award for 2013-2014 is an honor for the Guam Society and all of its members. For over 60 years, the Guam Society has demonstrated and kept alive our island's traditions and culture with its involvement in Washington, DC. I am extremely proud to be surrounded by so many of our people here in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC area who care about and are always ready to put forth the very best of Guam for all to see and experience." (PR)

Drive-In Movie Night tonight

The Northern Marianas College's College Access Challenge Grant program is inviting Saipan residents to attend a Drive-In Movie Night tonight, Nov. 22, at 6:30pm and 9:30pm at the NMC South Field (across from the NMC Gymnasium).

In addition to featuring the films *Wolverine* at 6:30pm and *Elysium* at 9:30pm, the pre-movie activities will include a brief presentation about preparing for college (college success, student life, financial aid, and time and money management, etc.).

The fun-filled event is free and open to the public. There will also be space reserved for those who wish to bring their vehicles to the event, as well as seats reserved for those who choose not to. Space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Refreshments and snacks will also be sold by vendors at the event.

Note that the film *The Wolverine* is rated PG-13, which means that minors under the age of 13 must be accompanied by parents or guardians. The film *Elysium* is rated R, which means that minors under the age of 17 must be accompanied by parents or guardians.

For more information or inquiries, contact Hedwig Hofschneider at (670) 237-6784 or visit www.marianas.edu. (PR)

Deadline to apply for farmer and rancher grants on Dec. 4

The Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service, or NMC-CREES, is reminding farmers and ranchers of the CNMI that the deadline to apply for research and education grants is on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013.

The Farmer/Rancher Research & Education Grants for 2014 is being offered by the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education, a program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by Utah State University.

With a Farmer/Rancher Research & Education Grant, an agricultural producer with support and guidance from a technical advisor develops a proposal to conduct both research and education on a sustainable agricultural topic incorporating such items as on-farm/ranch demonstrations, farmer-to-farmer educational outreach, and other approaches to assist in producer adoption in an area of

sustainable agriculture.

The goal is to achieve results that can be communicated to producers and professionals, and can improve income, the environment, communities and quality of life for all citizens.

Individual farmers or ranchers may apply for up to \$15,000, and a group of three or more producers may apply for up to \$25,000. Producers typically use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can improve their operations and the environment and can be shared with other producers. Grant recipients may also focus on marketing and organic production.

Grant proposals are due on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013. A technical review will be held in January 2014, and proposals will be selected for funding in March 2014.

For more information, contact Joaquin Deleon Guerrero at NMC-CREES at (670) 237-6840 or visit crees.org. (NMC)

Two Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Aqua Resort Hotel beach and Tanapag Meeting Hall beach on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these sites contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria

(enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzed samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 38 locations on the Saipan's Coast. Contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any questions. (DEQ)

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Happy birthday Aunt Nit! May God bless you and wishing you many more birthdays to come. We love you

OVER A YEAR AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF CHC FEE SCHEDULE:

Provider’s agreement with health insurance firms still up in the air

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

It has been more than a year since the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. implemented a new, higher schedule of hospital fees but the corporation has yet to finalize an agreement with local health insurance companies.

Interim corporation CEO Esther Muña confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that both parties are still on the negotiating table and a final provider’s agreement with health insurance carriers is still up in the air.

Health insurance companies, also known as HMOs, oppose the new fees for hospital services, describing the figures as “extremely high” for carriers to cover. They want the corpora-

tion to lower the fees or at least provide HMOs a 50-percent discount on the new rates.

Despite a series of meetings and communications with HMOs, Muña said a compromise has yet to be reached.

She said the corporation will come up with a separate fee schedule for local carriers.

“We continue to work with them. We will be coming up with a separate fee schedule for insurance companies but definitely we cannot provide a 50-percent discount,” she said.

Another factor delaying the issue is the flurry of activities at the hospital related to U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements.

Muña aims to reach a final provider’s agreement with local HMOs by Dec. 31, 2013.

Saipan Tribune learned that

at least five insurance firms transact business at the public hospital: Aetna Global, Calvo’s, Staywell, Moylan’s, Tricare, and others. Based on CHCC record for fiscal year 2013, the hospital generated revenues of \$6.3 million from these HMOs.

The highest collection was from Aetna at \$3.7 million, followed by Calvo’s at \$1.1 million. Other revenues included \$315,478 from Staywell; \$179,320 from Moylan’s; and \$985,998 from Tricare and other insurance carriers.

According to Muña, all health insurance companies pay the corporation on time at the rates they recommended. Whatever the difference, she said, will be dealt with after the provider’s agreement is signed.

“They’re all paying...and each payment is being reviewed

meticulously. We have assigned people specifically working on that,” she said.


She cited as an example the new hospital room rate of \$1,000. “The room rate is something they said they should be getting a discount. So they would pay based on that discount. For the amount that was not paid, this goes to the bucket for review and now pending until the new agreement is finalized,” added Muña.

The corporation increased hospital fees and services in August 2012 by as much as 300 percent.

Insurance firms complained that the new rates are significantly higher than Guam and other states. According to them, these rates will lead to higher health insurance premiums, resulting in an increased number

of uninsured persons.

Health insurance carriers recommended replacing the fee increases with a 20-percent across the board increase and plan for minimal adjustments in future years based on true hospital rate setting calculations, or 50 percent discount for health insurance carriers as the alternative.

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Judges needed for Thespian competition

It is time for another Thespian competition! Please RSVP jl-wahaz@att.net if you are able to come judge some of the island’s talented young people this Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, at 1pm. The competition is being held at Grace Christian Academy on Navy Hill. **(PR)**

Free business workshop

The CNMI Small Business Development Center presents the free workshop called “Start and Added Value Product” on Nov. 29, 2013, from 10am-12pm, at the Commonwealth Development Authority Bldg., first floor, San Jose. Please call for pre-registration (670) 664-3018, or visit www.pacificsbdc.com. **(PR)**



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
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ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 30 (CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD) PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(015), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 30 (Chalan Pale Arnold Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 8, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 26, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 11, 2013** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-006"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 13, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 13, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 13, 2013** and must be received no later than **December 24, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 27, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **December 13, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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- Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:



- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Ten (210) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-009

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 305 (DANDAN) PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(018), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 305 (Dandan Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 15, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **December 3, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 18, 2013** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-009"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 30, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 30, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 30, 2013** and must be received no later than **January 9, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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Teen Leo club raises \$3.5K from 'A Walk for Bohol'

"A Walk for Bohol," the walkathon initiated by the Saipan Teen Unity Leo Club on Nov. 9, 2013, was able to raise net proceeds of \$3,500.55 for the victims of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Bohol last month. The funds will be sent to the Moto Sur Women's Association of Loon, Bohol.

Aileen Indino, the beneficiary's point-of-contact here on Saipan, said, "The funds will be used to build make-shift classrooms for Loon students. At present, the students are having classes under tarpaulin tents. With this

big help from Leo Club, the problem on the shortage of classrooms will surely be addressed and class schedules will be back to normal."

Saipan Teen Unity Leo Club would like to thank all who supported their fundraising activity for Bohol particularly IT&E, the volunteers from the NMC Nursing Club (John Lizardo, Honey Jane Ebuén, Lilia Lizama, Shana Sally, Michelle Angcoy and Angela Prado) and the officers and members of the Saipan Unity Lions Club, Lions Clubs International Region 2, District 204. (PR)



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▲ Region 2 LC Officers and members remit \$610 to ABS-CBN's Sagip Kapamilya for the victims of the earthquake in Bohol, Philippines.

Lions Club Zumba fundraiser nets \$610

"Perspire & Inspire, Let's Do Zumba," a fundraising project of Region Lions Club members, was able to raise \$610 for victims of last month's 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Bohol and Cebu.

The amount collected from the three-day fundraising event was remitted via Rustan's Foreign Exchange on Nov. 11. The beneficiary of the Zumba fund drive is ABS-

CBN's Sagip Kapamilya.

"We know and believe that it is one way of showing our love to our *kababayans* who are presently undergoing a very tough ordeal. We have to show to the whole world that Filipinos are united in one spirit," said Region 2 Lions Club in a statement.

Region 2 Lion officers and members also extended their

thanks to their Zumba instructor Charry de Guzman, "who in one way or another made this fund drive a success."

Other who bought tickets and lent their support for "Perspire & Inspire, Let's Do Zumba" were Tess Talens, Ladyvir Canape, Noemi Catigan, Flor Miranda, Domeng Dones, Argie Buensalido, among others. (Saipan Tribune)



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Saipan Teen Unity Leo Club officers Angela Aninon, (president), John Cano (vice president), Miguel Aninon (secretary) and Clarisse Nolle Torio (treasurer) hand over the ceremonial check amounting to \$3,500.55 to Aileen Indino for the Moto Sur Women's Association of Loon, Bohol.

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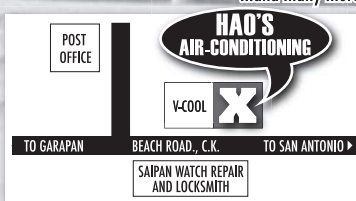
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Man in car chase with cops sentenced to 18 months

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Frank Manglona Sablan, a 34-year-old man accused of stealing a van and engaging several police officers in a car chase before hitting a police vehicle in Garapan, pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal and was slapped with an 18-month prison term.

Sablan pleaded guilty on Wednesday to theft of vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude police officers, and drinking alcohol while driving.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Sablan to 18 months, with credit for 79 days time served.

Sablan was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, and restitution to victims Ok Jin Lee and Yong Jang, and Department of Public Safety – Homeland Security.

As part of the plea deal, the remaining charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, theft, and resisting arrest were dropped.

Chief Prosecutor Shelli Neal filed an amended information last September

that charged Sablan with a traffic case instead of a criminal case.

According to the plea deal, Sablan admits to stealing the van from Lee on Sept. 2, 2013, between 3:47am and 11:17am.

Sablan attempted to elude pursuing police vehicles and led police on a car chase. He also admits to drinking an alcoholic beverage at the time.

Police said that when arrested, Sablan told a police officer that he was drinking beer while driving and was just having a “good time” during the pursuit.

Police Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr.’s report

states that Lee had gone inside the Payless Supermarket in Chalan Kanoa and left her 2013 Toyota Sienna van in the parking lot. When Lee returned, the van was no longer there.

At 11:02am that same day, a police officer spotted the van exiting a store along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road in Chalan Kiya and attempted to make the driver stop.

The van did not stop and, instead, sped up, going up As Tarlaje Hill, then toward Dandan Road, Flame Tree Road, Koblerville Road, Tun Thomas P. Sa-

blan Road, Beach Road Chalan Kanoa, and finally Beach Road Garapan.

The van was overspeeding and recklessly overtaking other vehicles using opposite lanes, passing through red traffic lights, and caused several near collisions with other motorists and pedestrians.

The pursuit ended only when the van became disabled after Sablan intentionally hit a police cruiser near Hard Rock Café in Garapan. The defendant continued drinking beer and refused to get out from the van, prompting the officers to force him out.

The van had extensive damage to the front, while the police vehicle had minor damage.

Bordallo reflects on 50th anniversary of JFK assassination

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) issued yesterday the following statement on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. During his presidency, Kennedy made significant efforts to better promote self-governance by the people of Guam and encourage economic and social development in Guam.

In May of 1961, Kennedy appoint-

ed William Daniel as the fifth civilian governor of Guam. On Aug. 21, 1962, Kennedy rescinded Executive Order 8683 that required individuals wishing to enter Guam to obtain a prior Navy security clearance. The President’s removal of security controls was intended to encourage economic development, especially in expanding tourism and attracting long-term investments into Guam’s economy. Kennedy also sup-

ported efforts allow for the governor of Guam to be elected by the people of Guam and to provide for non-voting representation in Congress.

“I join all Americans in remembering the tragic loss of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963,” said Bordallo. “Ricky and I had an opportunity to meet with President and Mrs. Kennedy shortly after his election. I remember fondly his genuine

interest in learning more about Guam and his eagerness to support efforts to help all of the territories. During his presidency, President Kennedy opened Guam for increased investments and tourism by removing security controls required by the Navy before entering the island. He also supported federal legislation aimed at establishing an elected governor and non-voting representative to Congress.

“I will never forget the shock I felt when Ricky called to tell me that the

President had been killed. As Americans, the people of Guam joined the nation in mourning his death. President Kennedy’s assassination was a horrific loss for our nation. However his legacy endures and continues to inspire Americans throughout the country. His call to service—“ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”—inspired a generation of new leaders, including my late husband Ricky Bordallo.”



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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-010

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 32 (AS PERDIDO ROAD), PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(019), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 32 (As Perdido Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 22, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **December 10, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 23, 2013** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **“DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-010”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **January 3, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **January 3, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **January 3, 2014** and must be received no later than **January 14, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **January 15, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **January 3, 2014**.

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-006

Replacement of Fire Pumps at the
Commonwealth Health Center – Garapan, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for supply, installation and commissioning of the fire pumps replaced at the Commonwealth Health Center – Garapan, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 9:00AM ChST at the Commonwealth Health Center Telemetry Room. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST November 12, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-006, Replacement of Fire Pumps at the Commonwealth Health Center"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 25, 2013 and must be received no later than December 4, 2013 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST December 5, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST November 25, 2013.

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The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



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Request for Qualifications for Provision of Architect and Engineering Services
702 CIP Project Managers
RFQ14-GOV-011

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architects and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2013 and 2014 calendar years. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and closeout.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project and may include approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve, as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning November 5, 2013 during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except on holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement& Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Three copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ14-GOV-011" no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, December 2, 2013.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:

- Past experience as a project manager – 70%
- Interview – 30%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any non-material imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth.



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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-014

Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for PDO and Arts Council Office

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for Office of the Public Defender and DCCA - Arts Council Office.

The project package will be available on or after November 1, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 19, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB14-GOV-014". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 29, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 29, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 29, 2013 and must be received no later than December 11, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 12, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 29, 2013.

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Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-015

Autoclave Unit for Tinian Health Center

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Purchase of Autoclave Unit for the Tinian Health Center.

The project package will be available Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 6, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 29, 2013.

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/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

SDA School lauds scholarship donors, SDA Clinic



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SDA Clinic director Dr. Kenneth Pierson receives a plaque of appreciation from the scholars themselves during the ceremony.



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A student reads his "thank you" card to the clinic staff and sponsors.

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Students and officials of the Seventh Day Adventist School recognized their donors and supporters during an appreciation ceremony on campus last week.

Specifically honored was the Seventh Day Adventist Dental Clinic for its gener-

ous financial support for the school's scholars.

This school year, 30 of the

school's students ranging from pre-kindergarten to 8th grade benefit from the scholarship program. Twenty-one of these recipients were in attendance at Friday's ceremony where they presented SDA Clinic director Dr. Kenneth Pierson a plaque of appreciation and handmade "thank you" cards for the clinic's staff.

According to Virle Shay P. Gayatin, the school's PR director and accountant, this school year marks the fourth straight year that the clinic has provided \$50,000 in scholarships to support SDA School students. The scholarship grants cover anywhere up to 60 percent of the students' tuition cost.

SDA School principal Sharon Nguyen was joined Friday by Charles Reel, treasurer for the Guam-Micronesia Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, and Daniel Weber, associate communications director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, in showing gratitude for the many ways the clinic has financially supported the school.

Most notably, the clinic helped the school buy a new school building in Chalan Kiya this year.

Nguyen thanked Pierson for his leadership and acknowledged that without the support of the clinic, the school would not be where it is now.

Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School is a family oriented, Christ-centered school committed to making an impact in the lives of school family and the surrounding community. It is part of a large and diverse educational system, operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which encompasses over 5,000 schools worldwide.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re General Order

**NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND
ORDER TO APPEAR**

THE COMMONWEALTH JUDICIARY has in its possession certain third party funds, which have remained unclaimed for more than one year. According to court records, the following people may be entitled to have funds returned to them:

Name	Case Name	Case Number
1. Wa Guoli	CNMI v. Wang Guo Li	CR-97-0303
2. Hyon Ok Lee	CNMI v. Hyon Ok Lee	CR-98-0379
3. Ying, Du Li	CNMI v. Du Li Yen	CR-97-0302
4. Albert S. Rospel	CNMI v. Christopher Rengil	CR-97-0081
5. Lee, Kwok Kwun Andy	CNMI v. Bao Lin Sha	CR-99-0337
6. Carrie Camacho	CNMI v. Nelia S. Madlmeduh	CR-98-0377
7. Shu Xian Hong	CNMI v. Shu Xian Hong	CR-99-0277
8. Zheng Cia aka Zhen Shaojin	CNMI v. Zheng Cia aka Zheng Shaojun	CR-97-0428
9. Huang Zhi Jie	CNMI v. Huang Zhi Zie	CR-98-0037
10. Sang Hee Kim	CNMI v. Chang Hyun Corp, et al	CR-98-0200
11. Jung Choun Song	CNMI v. Chang Hyun Corp, et al	CR-98-0200
12. Hong Jian Huang	CNMI v. Hong Jian Huang	CR-99-0340
13. Yan Zhen Chen	CNMI v. Shou Yu Huang	CR-99-0335
14. Jun Yang	CNMI v. Guo Lin Zhang	CR-99-0341
15. Jun Wang	CNMI v. Hai Ming Zhao	CR-00-0229
16. Michael J. McCart	CNMI v. Yi Fu Zhao	CR-99-0567
17. Dorte Weital	CNMI v. Christino Selgor	CR-00-0234
18. Fu Qin Ying	CNMI v. Bao Lin Sha	CR-00-0228
19. Yuemei Lu	CNMI v. Hong Fan Li	CR-00-0224
20. Nick Nicholson	CNMI v. Hai Ying Wen	CR-00-0222
21. Chang Zhe Jin	CNMI v. Jin, Chang Zhe	TR-05-02372
22. Igisaiar, M.	CNMI v. Ramon C. Blas	CR-03-0400
23. Robert J. O'Connor	CNMI v. Jian Huang	CR-03-0350
24. Kenji Yoshida	Yu's Enterprises v. Kwun Kee Co	CV-04-0332
25. Juan Borja Camacho	CNMI v. Juan B. Camacho	CR-06-0027
26. Sung Bae	OAG & Immigration v. Dong Sub Sim	CV-03-0612
27. Danilo T. Aguilar	OAG & Immigration v. Normandy I. Santos	CV-05-0057
28. Quan, Jizhe	CNMI v. Chunri Chui & Quan Hengquan	CR-03-0408
29. Raquel O. Aldan	OAG & Immigration v. Raquel O. Aldan	CV-03-0277
30. Park, Mu C.	CNMI v. Sam Hyun Chang	CR-03-0078
31. Guiying Qin	OAG & Immigration v. Li Xiao	CV-03-0212
32. Wang, Sheng Sheng	CNMI v. Yang Yang	CR-00-0226
33. Guilan, Xu	CNMI v. Jiang Ping	CR-00-0218
34. Liankan, Zhu	CNMI v. Jing Jing Zeng	CR-00-0232
35. Lu, Hong	CNMI v. Yue Mei Zin	CR-00-0231
36. Zenaída Javier	CNMI v. Joseph Castro Javier	CR-00-0256
37. Wang, Zhiguang	CNMI v. Wang Zhi Guang	CR-99-0336

The aforementioned parties shall have until Wednesday, December 18, 2013 to make a claim with the Judiciary for the return of these funds. In order to make a claim, parties must complete a form, which is available at the Clerk of Court's office. Upon completion, parties shall submit the original and two photocopies of the form, together with two photocopies of a valid passport and/or government-issued photo identification, to the Clerk of Court located at Door Number 1 of the Guma Hustisia, Iimwaal Aweewe on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Claims must be submitted to the Clerk of Court and may be brought from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week.

Any funds belonging to the parties named above that remain unclaimed after Wednesday, December 18, 2013 may be forfeited and turned over to the Commonwealth General Fund.

On December 20, 2013, all parties named above shall appear before Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja in Courtroom 202A at 9:00 a.m. and await the call of his or her claim by case number and captioned parties. Parties must bring a copy of their claim form with them when appearing for this court proceeding.

ENTERED this 22nd day of October, 2013.

/s/ ROBERTO C. NARAJA
Presiding Judge

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB14-DLNR/DFW-020

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2013
TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"DEPLOYMENT OF FOUR (4) FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES (FAD) SYSTEM SURROUNDING THE CNMI WATERS OF TINIAN AND ROTA. A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
SECRETARY OF DLNR

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

INVITATION FOR BID

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 AM

NMHC IFB 2013 004

"PURCHASING OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE FOR THE ROTA FIRE DIVISION"

Proposal packets will be available on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, credit card, cashier's check or money order (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

INVITATION FOR BID

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BID SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2013 • TIME: 10:00 AM

NMHC IFB 2013 007

"Rehabilitation of two (2) Saipan Fire Stations
A. Susupe Fire Station • B. Kagman Fire Station"

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.

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/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

USAO holds trainings in Palau, Pohnpei, and Chuuk

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced that her office, together with the FBI, held training in Palau; Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia; and Chuuk State, FSM.

The training was held in Palau on Dec. 6-7, 2012, in Pohnpei on Jan. 7-8, 2013, and in Chuuk on Jan. 9-10, 2013.

Limtiaco and assistant U.S. attorneys Rosetta San Nicolas and Rami Badawy conducted presentations on topics including Pacific Regional Response to Combat Human Trafficking; Collaboration in the Western Pacific; Introduction to Human Trafficking Investigation and Prosecution; Nuts and Bolts: Investigation and Prosecution of Human Trafficking Cases; and Bullying and Cyberbullying. FBI Special Agent Jason Todd provided training on Active Listening; Suspect Interviews; Crime Scene Investigation; and Introduction to Cyber Crime.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the NMI has been and continues to work collaboratively with the National District Attorney's Association; U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, Federal Ombudsman Office; and U.S. Department of State, Monitoring of Trafficking in Persons Office, on a *Pacific Regional Response to Combat Human Trafficking*. The *Pacific Regional Response to Combat Human Trafficking* initiative employs a multidisciplinary model, including participation, coordination, and collaboration among law enforcement, prosecution, victim service providers, social services, medical, mental and public health professionals, faith-based organizations, educational institu-

tions, consulates, and other community stakeholders.

The response calls for the establishment and provision of victim services, investigation and prosecution of human trafficking, training opportunities, community outreach/public awareness and prevention programs, and creation of human trafficking task forces and coalitions in the Pacific region. Providing fundamental training in human trafficking, including victimization, investigation and prosecution, prevention efforts, and other related topics, is critical to effective prevention and enforcement efforts in the region.

Participants also learned about human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking, the seriousness of the problem, and how to identify, communicate with, and respond to the needs of victims. Also discussed was a review of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and other related federal laws.

The second day brought to the participants an overview of technology, what cybercrime is and related issues such as terrorism. Participants were also given an overview of bullying and cyberbullying; the seriousness of the problem; the impact on the community including youth suicide; enforcement efforts including civil rights lawsuits and consent decrees issued against school districts; and prevention efforts including public awareness outreaches to schools and parent groups, training of school districts, and other related activities.

Participants were provided information about child sexual and physical abuse. Also discussed were issues relating to children with special needs, and the relationship between child abuse and human trafficking of children. (USAO)



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From left to right, U.S. Attorney Alicia Limtiaco, Dr. Sharon Cooper, Suzanna Tiapula, NDAA executive director; and Dr. Kimberly Chang.

In Loving Memory

† Maria Corazon Pineda SanNicolas

Born to life on June 13, 1987 and was called to her eternal rest on November 14, 2013

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Joseph Vincent Guiao SanNicolas
Son: Jaze Enzo Pineda SanNicolas
Parents: Ramon and Maria Consolacion Ocampo Pineda
Parents In-Law: †Pedro Camacho SanNicolas
 Rosario Guiao SanNicolas
Brother, Sister and In-Laws:
 Jeffrey O. Pineda and Rannie O. Pineda
 Francis Robin G. and Shyaralyn SanNicolas
 Peter John G. and Irish Ann SanNicolas
 Antonette G. SanNicolas

She is additionally survived by:

Camacho – SanNicolas Families,
Guiao Families,
Ocampo - Pineda Families,
 and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Daily Mass of intentions will be celebrated at the following:

Santa Remedios Church
 Friday, November 22, 2013 6:00PM
 Saturday, November 23, 2013 6:00PM

San Roque Church
 Sunday, November 24, 2013 9:30AM

Memorial services will be held on Monday, November 25, 2013. Her remains will lie in state at San Roque Church beginning at 5:00 pm. Responso Service will commence upon arrival at church followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm.

On Tuesday, November 26, 2013 her remains will be taken via Delta flight to Manila, Philippines. She will be brought to her hometown in San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines. Her interment will take place at Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.

Joseph Vincent Guiao SanNicolas and Jaze Enzo Pineda SanNicolas
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Division of Historic Preservation Office under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs hereby give notice that a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be held on December 4, 2013 at 10:00 am and on December 5, 2013 at 9:00 am on the island of Tinian.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

- I PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes
- II PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III REPORTS**
 - 1. Secretary's Report
 - 2. Field Reports (Saipan/Tinian/Rota)
 - 3. Legal Counsel's Report – Public Law 3-39 Amendments
- IV OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Regional Archaeologist (Fr. Hezel) Position
 - 2. Historian Position
 - 3. Section 106 Trainings
 - 4. Latte Stone Relocation Request (Mayor of Rota)
 - 5. Divert 106 Correspondence
 - 6. Published and Unpublished Reports (Requested by Dr. Rechebei)
 - 7. Budget 2010, 2011, 2012
 - 8. Discussion of Signage/Fencing on Established Historical Sites (Rota Water Cave)
 - 9. Projects as per Fr. Fran Hezel (Publication, Filming/PBS)
 - 10. Policy and Procedures / Bylaws (NPS, HPO)
- V NEW BUSINESS**
- VI OTHER MATTERS**
- VII ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Tom Glenn A. Quitugua
 Chairman of the Board

Start Smart Seminar

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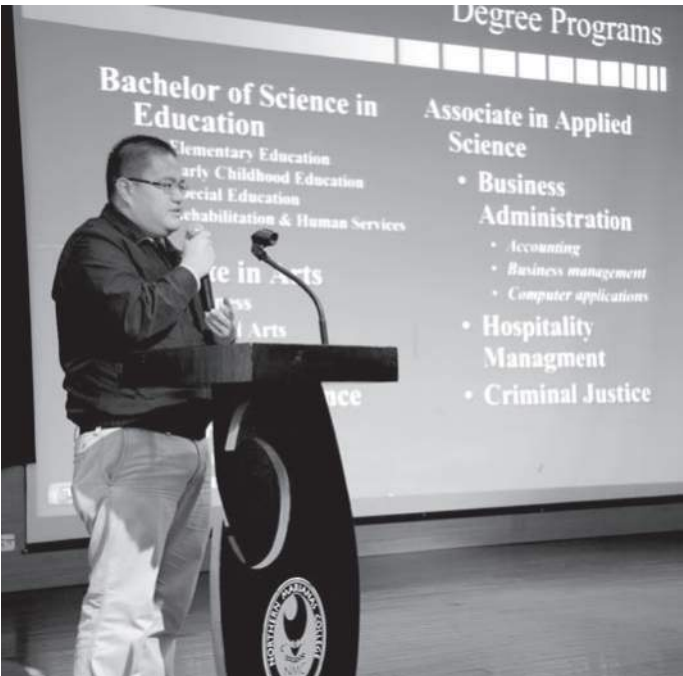


Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan welcomes and offers inspirational remarks to Kagman High School and Saipan Southern High School seniors during the recent Start Smart seminar at Saipan World Resort. The event, which was funded by the College Access Challenge Grant program, was created to help students learn about the importance of postsecondary education, how to apply for financial aid, and how to succeed in college.



Crystal Cabrera from the Department of Public Works, second from right, talks to KHS and SSHS seniors about her college experience during a segment of the recent Start Smart seminar where seniors asked college graduates in the community about their experiences in higher education.

Manny Castro, NMC Director of the Office of Admissions and Records, informs KHS and SSHS seniors about the different degree program offered at NMC.

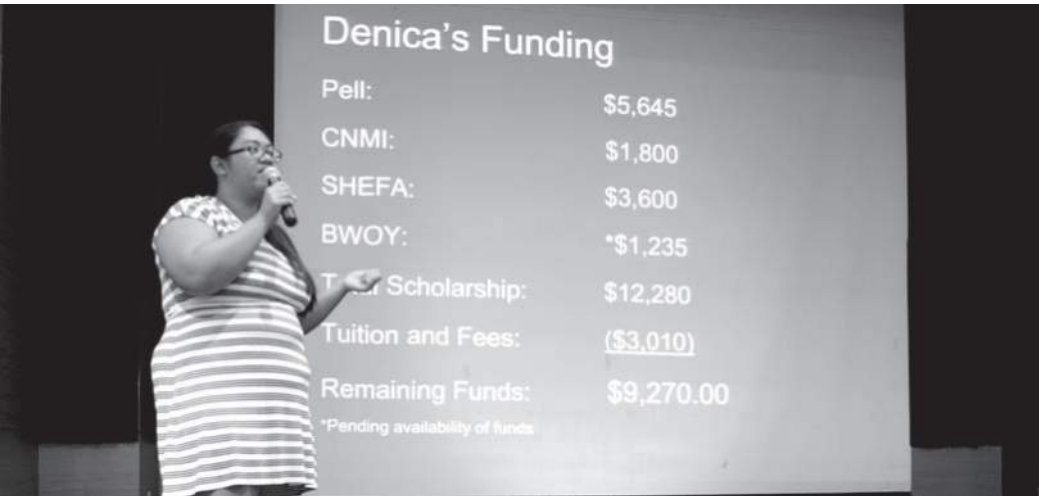


KHS and SSHS seniors work on completing the NMC admission application at the recent Start Smart seminar.

NMC student Calvin Deleon Guerrero, second from left, leads KHS and SSHS seniors in their school cheers before talking about college life with fellow NMC students Angela Deleon Guerrero, far left, and Maria Atrero, far right.



Guest host L.J. Castro, far left, explains the rules of "Financial Aid Jeopardy" to four SSHS seniors. The aim of the activity is to teach high school seniors about college financial aid.



NMC liberal arts and accounting major Denicia Avendano discusses how she was able pay for college through scholarships and grants, and offers tips to KHS and SSHS seniors about applying for financial aid.



A KHS senior competes in a friendly lip-sync/dance competition between high school seniors from KHS and SSHS as part of an afternoon energizer activity at the recent Start Smart seminar.

Marines on Tinian are ready for Forager Fury II



LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO

A tactical airfield fuel dispensing system is assembled Nov. 14 at Tinian's West Field during exercise Forager Fury II. The TAFDS is capable of storing 60,000 gallons of fuel. Marines at West Field play a vital role providing needed ground support for the air operation segment in Forager Fury II. The joint exercise is designed to employ and assess combat power generation in a deployed and austere environment.

By **LANCE CPL. ANTONIO RUBIO**
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

TINIAN, Northern Mariana Islands—Marines have become a self-sufficient entity with most of their equipment in place, waiting for the arrival for the main body of exercise Forager Fury II.

The joint exercise is designed to employ and assess combat power generation in a deployed and austere environment.

"We'll be supporting the air

operation section of exercise Forager Fury II," said Cpl. Carmello Caputa, a semitrailer refueler operator with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "Fuel will help because it gives needed ground support for the F-18s that will fly back and forth from Tinian to Guam. My job is extremely crucial because I deliver fuel where ever it's needed."

If aircraft do not receive the correct amount of fuel, then Marines will have missed a valuable training opportunity on the air field, according to Sgt. Obrain Rodriguez, an expeditionary airfield crew leader with MWSS 171.

"West Field is going to have several F-18s landing by the beginning of next month," said Rodriguez. "We're going to conduct training using the M-31 arresting gear and we want to make sure the Marines

Forager Fury II to exercise Marine Corps Aviation

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa, Japan—Forager Fury II is scheduled to take place on Dec. 2-20, 2013, on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Tinian's West and North Fields, and Farallon De Medinilla Target Range.

Forager Fury II is firmly grounded in the successes and lessons learned from prior exercises conducted in the Mariana Island Range Complex.

During Forager Fury II, Anderson Air Force Base will serve as the Marine Aircraft Group 12's forward operating base and operations center.

Training on Tinian's West Field includes emplacement of arresting gear and fuel storage/distribution for purposes of extending aviation training throughout the MIRC. Training on Tinian's North Field includes clearing, stripping and repairing the landing surface on Abel, Baker, Charlie, and Dog runways and the installation of matting for vertical

take-off and landing of rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.

These runways contain a historical significance that dates back to World War II. After the Battle of Tinian in 1944, the runways were constructed to support long-range air operations. The runways were closed in March 1947 and reopened in June 2012 when a KC-130J Hercules, assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, landed on Baker runway for the first time in 65 years.

Training on Tinian and Guam will incorporate a variety of U.S. Marine fixed wing, rotor wing, and tiltrotor aircraft. Participating U.S. Marine Corps aircraft will include FA-18 Hornets, EA-6B Prowlers and KC-130J Hercules. To increase joint capabilities, the U.S. Air Force and Navy will also provide aviation assets and support personnel during the exercise.

U.S. Marine Corps Forces from Marine Wing Support

Squadron 171, MAG-12, 1st MAW, III Marine Expeditionary Force, have been training on Tinian's North Field since early November in order to prepare the four runways for flight operations.

Forager Fury II provides an excellent opportunity for III MEF to demonstrate its ability to displace rapidly and generate significant combat power in an expeditionary environment. During the exercise, III MEF will plan and execute mission rehearsals designed to replicate theater specific combat conditions. Additionally, FF II will allow MAG-12 to improve aviation combat integration across all echelons of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force and heighten expeditionary readiness.

All of the training will be conducted within the scope of Environmental Impact Statements and in accordance with the existing MIRC training manual. **(PR)**

understand the concept of a safe arrestment."

The Marines of MWSS-171 also established a tactical airfield fuel dispensing system to take advantage of their storage capabilities according to Staff Sgt. Colter Plumhoff, West Field's air operations staff-noncommissioned officer-in-charge with MWSS-171.

"We store [the fuel] into the [TAFDS] which we issue out

to aircraft, vehicles and anything else that needs fuel," said Plumhoff. "It's short term storage for the amount of fuel we're going to need. We have a 60,000 gallon capacity on deck here and we'll store the fuel long enough to issue it to the aircraft."

Supervision is critical to ensuring junior Marines are properly trained during the exercise.

"For the gear, we have

many different positions," said Rodriguez. "The deck coordinator oversees the entire arrestment training and also gives signals to the engine operators. With two engines, we have a point man. He has direct communication with the pilot. The point man is going to make sure the pilot knows what to do. For example, the point man tells the pilot when to apply the brakes or release them."

With everything in place, Marines continue to practice their training as they wait for the beginning of FA-18 flight operations in early December.

MMT Marines prepare Baker Runway for landings

By **CPL. JOSEPH KARWICK**
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

TINIAN, Northern Mariana Islands—Marines with Marine Air Traffic Control Mobile Team, set up VS-17 marking panels on Tinian's North Field Nov. 19 as part of Exercise Forager Fury II.

MMT, a six-man team, practiced laying visual markers for pilots to see when landing on the runway. The VS-17 marking panels are fluorescent cloth nailed into a runway and kept at a 45-degree angle by sand bags.

"Regularly, the teams that are sent out are six-man teams; four air traffic controllers, maintenance technician and communications technician," said Gunnery Sgt. Michael S. Flores from Harlingen, Texas, a Tinian co-MMT instructor, Detachment Bravo, MACS-4, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "We are practicing establishing a tactical landing zone, mainly for C-130s, and a trained MMT will get this set up in about 15-20 minutes."

Tinian and FFII provide a training ground for the MMT Marines that is hard to come by in Japan,

due to lack of open-flat ground.

"Here [on] Tinian, we are afforded opportunities that we don't get to do in Japan," said 1st Lt. Travis M. Powell from Albuquerque, N.M., a Tinian co-MMT instructor. "This exercise is a great opportunity for us to get the Marines more training and techniques."

The MMT Marines complete daily exercises and class assignments to further their military occupational specialty knowledge.

"We have classes for several hours throughout the day, bringing the Marines up to speed on how we as MMTs perform in a field environment," said Powell. "Then, we usually go out on the runway so the Marines can apply what we have been teaching them."

Getting out in the field, and actually setting up runway patterns is exactly the type of force multiplier training they need, according to Sgt. Zachary S. Bryan from Raleigh, NC., an air traffic controller and MMT member.

"When Marines first pushed into Iraq, MMTs were some of the first [Marines] on the deck," said Bryan. "We set up forward air refueling points and such, so

the ground units could continue to march forward. You give us a stretch of dirt, we will put a runway there and you can offload a C-130 with all kinds of gear."

The MMTs are not only used for fixed wing aircraft landing zones, but rotary wing as well.

"We can also set locations for helicopters so they can offload or re-arm and get back in the fight," said Bryan. "We help increase flight capabilities so time is not wasted having to go back to the rear and do those things."

With the refurbishing of runways Baker, Charlie, Dog and historic Able still underway, Marine participating in FFII continues to take full advantage of vital training that Tinian provides.

Lance Cpl. Kevin C. Greaves attaches sand bags to a VS-17 platform on Tinian's Backer Runway at North Field Nov. 19, during exercise Forager Fury II. For experienced MMTs, VS-17 platform takes 15-20 minutes to assemble. Greaves is a navigational aids technician and MMT (Marine Air Traffic Controller Mobile Team) member from Brooklyn, N.Y., with Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.



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Enrollment open for pre-law program



From left, Pre-Law Program committee members Nicole M. Torres, Claire Kelleher-Smith and Michael L. Ernest; CNMI Bar Association vice president Maya B. Kara; Pre-Law Program alumnus Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas, committee member Catherine J. Cachero, and alumni Vincent J. Seman, and Lillian A. Tenorio.

Open enrollment for the Judiciary Summer Pre-Law Program 2014 was announced by Nicole M. Torres and Claire Kelle-

her-Smith, program committee members, before the CNMI Bar Association at their monthly membership meeting yesterday.

The program will be conducted from June 23 to July 11, 2014.

The Pre-Law Program is an opportunity for prospective par-

ticipants to immerse themselves in the study of law and learn about the tools required for success in law school, particularly the intense first year. Members of the CNMI Bar Association have traditionally acted as mentors to the participants.

Law professors Robert J. Desiderio of the University of New Mexico School of Law and Rose C. Villazor of the University of California at Davis School of Law will be teaching the classes. They will also be conducting three public lectures at the American Memorial Park auditorium in late June to early July 2014 on such timely subjects as immigration, Article 12, and revisiting the Covenant with respect to military interests in the Northern Marianas.

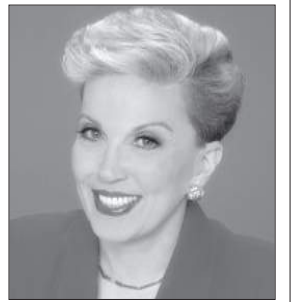
Through the years of the Judiciary Summer Pre-Law Program, 26 participants have become lawyers and two have become judges. Three previous graduates, Lillian A. Tenorio (1994 alumna), Joey P. San Nicolas (2000 alumnus), and Vincent J. Seman (2002 alumnus) were present at the meeting and spoke of their experiences, the legacy of the program, and its benefits to them personally.

Interested individuals are encouraged to visit the website established for information sharing and registration: <http://www.justice.gov.mp/prelaw.aspx>.

They may also contact Nicole M. Torres, Summer Pre-Law Program coordinator, at the Supreme Court at 236-9800 or nicole.torres@justice.gov.mp. (NMI Judiciary)

Mom's wild lifestyle puts daughter's well-being at risk

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My 23-year-old daughter is out of control and has been since she was 16. She has a 2-year-old daughter, but she lives her life on the edge. She spends her days on the Internet meeting strange men and going out with them in private places. On the weekends, she drops her daughter here and takes off.

She has a history of drug and alcohol abuse and prostitution, but swears she only drinks alcohol now. I get so worried and upset I find myself yelling at her and trying to prevent her from leaving with these strange men. She thinks I'm trying to control her life when I'm actually trying to save her.

What should I do? I'm getting too old to be stressing out about what she's doing and who she's with.

STRESSED-OUT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: You can't "save" your daughter. Until she realizes she needs help, and is willing to accept it and change her life, she is unreachable. You can, however, talk to an attorney about gaining legal custody of your grandchild.

Terrible things can happen to women who do what your daughter is doing. That little girl needs safety, consistency and stability, and it appears you are the only relative she has who is capable of giving it to her. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I read the obituaries in our local newspaper every day to see if someone I know has died. But when I don't see any familiar name, I feel let down and disappointed. Is that weird?

STILL ALIVE IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR STILL ALIVE: People read the obituary section for various reasons, including the fact that some of the deceased have lived very interesting lives. Some do it hoping they won't find their own name listed. If they see the name of an acquaintance, they may feel sadness at the loss or sympathy for the family, knowing each death leaves a hole in someone's heart. But to feel "let down" seems to me like a lack of empathy, and in my opinion, it IS weird.

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DEAR ABBY: PLEASE remind your readers that it is the job of retail workers to help customers. We are not "liars" or "stupid" because our store happens to be out of a toy that an angry parent "must" have this holiday season. It is amazing how this year's hot toy item can turn parents into monsters.

I had one parent ask me after finding out that we were out of stock on a certain toy, "What am I supposed to do now?" I suggested looking online, but what I really wanted to say was, "Take your kids to help out at a homeless shelter so they can count their blessings!"

SANTA'S HELPER IN IOWA CITY

DEAR SANTA'S HELPER: I'll remind them, but the parents you describe are under pressure because they don't want to disappoint their kids. To the panicked parent who asks, "What am I supposed to do now?" you could respond by saying, "Now you go to Plan B." Then suggest some other toy the child would like—even though it's not his or her No. 1 choice. While I think the comment you would like to make (but keep suppressing) is an excellent suggestion, it would not be an appropriate one to make in a situation like this.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-14-004

AIRPORT ROAD RESTORATION FOR SAN VICENTE SERVICE AREA EXTENSION PROJECT, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Airport Road Restoration for San Vicente Service Area Extension Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

This work consists of excavation of flowable fill, and installation of asphalt concrete to replace pavement areas cut by CUC to install the San Vicente Service Area Extension Waterline project. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC and the Department of Public Works. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **30 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **November 27, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Seven (7) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Airport Road Restoration for San Vicente Service Area Extension Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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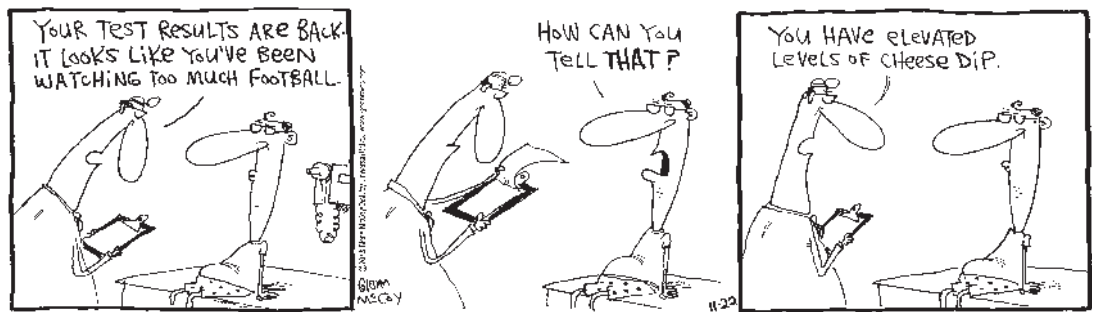


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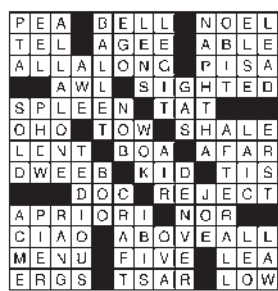


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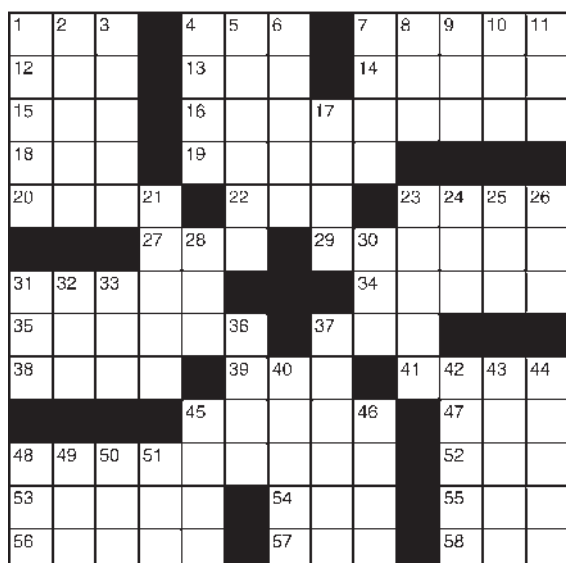
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take criticism gracefully. It may not be welcome, but it will probably help you figure out what you should do next. An emotional situation regarding money can be worked out if you base your negotiations on equality and fairness. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make preparations at home that will add to your comfort or make your premises ready for a festive event. Dealing with family dynamics will put you in a key position. Your concerns will be addressed and a solution provided. Love is highlighted. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The last-minute changes you make won't please everyone, but they will make your life easier. False information that someone gives pertaining to your status will set you off, but letting anger get the better of you will only make matters worse. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Add a touch of flash to whatever you do. Taking a step outside your comfort zone will prove to be exciting. You will attract attention

that will help you make progress on whatever you want to pursue. Put romance first and it will improve your love life. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Leap to safety if someone tries to manipulate you using emotional blackmail. Take any opportunity to travel or socialize with people who can offer guidance. Do your best to expand your interests and financial possibilities. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen and learn from the observations you make. Preparation will be the precondition to capture whatever you pursue. A change in the way you do things will catch competitors off guard. Love is in your corner. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A problem you face must be handled with diplomacy. Overreacting will create an unsavory situation. Find out what's at the root of the dilemma and make alterations to ease a stressful situation before it spins out of control. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out different philosophies or ways of living and you will find peace of mind. Come up with a plan that is conducive to forming better relationships and helping you excel at what you enjoy doing the most. Put love and romance first. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't divulge your feelings. What happens will be dependent on how others perceive you. It's important to complete any alterations in the confines of your personal space. Finish what you start before you present what you've done. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set your goals high and strive to reach them before you take a break. What you accomplish now will determine how much you will enjoy your time off. A partnership will bring greater opportunities to corner your audience. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Find out information firsthand. You'll be misinformed if you trust what someone tells you. Your fortune depends on how you handle your workload, expenses and cash flow. A job change or promotion won't live up to your expectations. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take pride in what you do. People, places and pastimes will help you make a decision. Attend a reunion or contact old friends. An agreement or settlement can be resolved. Reliving memories will give you a better idea of what you want to pursue next. *****

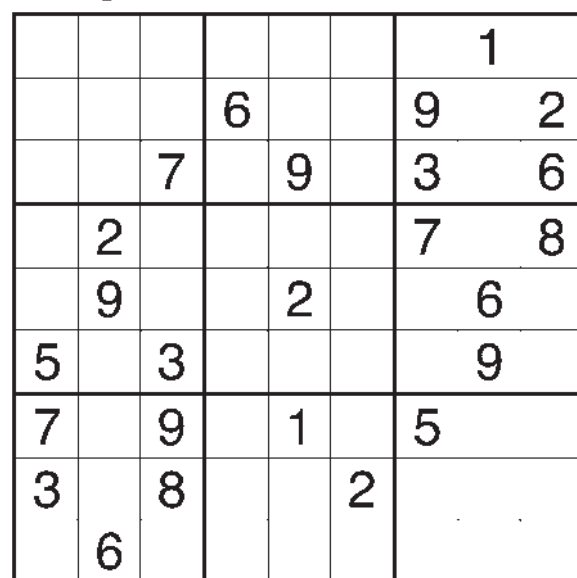
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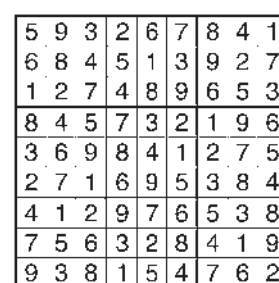
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By DAVID OUELLET

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James scores 21, Heat roll past Magic, 120-92

ORLANDO, Florida (AP)—LeBron James had 21 points and seven assists and Chris Bosh scored 18 as the Miami Heat beat the Orlando Magic 120-92 on Wednesday for their fifth straight victory.

James Jones scored 14 of his 17 points in the third quarter, when the Heat turned what was a five-point game into a runaway.

All five Miami starters sat out the fourth quarter for the second straight night, and Dwyane Wade sat out the whole way once again to give his knees more rest.

Michael Beasley scored 14 points and Chris Andersen added 10 for the Heat, who opened the game on a 16-0 run, lost the lead briefly in the second quarter, then dominated after halftime.

Arron Afflalo scored 20 of his 30 points in the first half for Orlando and went 7 of 9 from 3-point range. Victor Oladipo added 20 points but had eight turnovers, giving him 17 in his past two games.

Pacers 103, Knicks 96, OT

In New York, Paul George made three free throws to tie it with 5.2 seconds left in regulation, then scored nine of his season-high 35 points in overtime as Indiana handed New York its sixth straight defeat at home.

New York scored the first 13 points, but this settled into a playoff-type game between teams that met in the postseason last May. And it again went to the Pacers, who bounced back from their first loss after a franchise-record 9-0 start.

George Hill added 23 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, who beat the Knicks in six games in last season's Eastern Conference semifinals. Just as in the clincher of that series, Roy Hibbert had a pivotal block on Carmelo Anthony's drive to the basket.

Anthony had 30 points and 18 rebounds for the Knicks.

Mavericks 123, Rockets 120

In Dallas, Monta Ellis had a season-high 37 points and assisted on the go-ahead basket for Dallas to spoil Dwight Howard's best offensive night for Houston.

Dallas was down one when Ellis drove and zipped a pass to Shawn Marion in the corner for the go-ahead 3-pointer with 47 seconds left.

Houston's James Harden had a chance to tie it with 9 seconds left but missed the second of two free throws. Jose Calderon made two free throws after a Houston foul, and Harden shot an airball on a 3-point try in the final seconds.

Howard made his first 11 shots and scored a season-high 33 points.

Dirk Nowitzki finished with a season-high 35, including 14 in the fourth, and passed Reggie Miller for 15th on the NBA



Miami Heat's Michael Beasley, right, tries to get around Orlando Magic's Solomon Jones (22) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013.

scoring list. Nowitzki has 25,298 points, 18 ahead of Miller.

The Rockets led by 18 late in the third quarter before the Mavericks rallied in the fourth by shooting 74 percent and outscoring Houston 36-19.

Trail blazers 91, Bucks 82

In Milwaukee, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points and Damian Lillard added 19 as Portland beat Milwaukee for its eighth straight win.

Wesley Matthews had 15 points, all in the first half, to help Portland complete a sweep of a four-game Eastern Conference road trip. The Trail Blazers have won 10 of 12 to start the season.

Luke Ridnour scored 13 points to lead the Bucks, who lost their sixth in a row.

Portland held the lead throughout the second half but the Blazers had difficulty pulling away from the struggling Bucks. Lillard had a breakaway dunk and a 3-pointer to put Portland up 89-78, and the Bucks got no closer than seven again.

Spurs 104, Celtics 93

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 19 points and San Antonio beat Boston to win its eighth straight overall and remain undefeated at home.

Kawhi Leonard had 16 points and Tim Duncan rebounded from a poor outing in San Antonio's previous home game to score 13 points. Boris Diaw had 12 points, Tiago Splitter added 11 points and 10 rebounds and Danny Green 11 points for the Spurs (10-1).

Avery Bradley, Jeff Green and Jared Sullinger each had 19

points for Boston, which has lost five straight.

Raptors 108, 76ers 98

In Philadelphia, DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points and Rudy Gay had 18 to help Toronto beat Philadelphia.

In a down year so far in the Atlantic Division, the Raptors (5-7) wrested away first place from the Sixers (5-8).

DeRozan and Gay dominated the Sixers in the second half to turn this one into a rout. Gay hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored 15 points in the third quarter, and DeRozan scored 30 points through the first three quarters to build a 16-point lead.

Spencer Hawes hit his first nine shots and finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds for the 76ers.

Philadelphia's fourth straight loss came on the heels of an 0-3 road trip.

Wizards 98, Cavaliers 91

In Cleveland, Bradley Beal scored 26 points and Nene added 24 to lead Washington over Cleveland.

John Wall and Martell Webster both scored 15 points for Washington, which took control early and held off Cleveland's late charge.

The Wizards led by double figures midway through the first quarter, were ahead 56-38 at halftime, and pushed the margin to 27 points in the third quarter.

Cleveland trailed 86-71 midway through the fourth before Kyrie Irving scored 11 straight points to cut the deficit to four with 2:56 remaining.

Marcin Gortat's two free

throws with 1:16 left extended the lead to 92-86, and Beal added two free throws with 32.8 seconds remaining to put the game away.

Irving scored 28 points, including 18 in the final period, to lead Cleveland, which has dropped four of five.

Bobcats 95, Nets 91

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Kemba Walker scored a season-high 31 points as Charlotte handed turnover-prone Brooklyn its sixth loss in the past seven games.

Walker was 12 of 20 from the field and knocked down four 3-pointers as the Bobcats (6-6) snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Nets. Walker hit two free throws with 6.1 seconds left to seal the win.

The Bobcats outscored the Nets 52-34 in the paint.

With owner Michael Jordan sitting on the end of the bench, the Bobcats started the second half with a 15-1 run to take control of the game.

Andray Blatche led the Nets with a season-high 25 points. Brooklyn had 18 turnovers.

Nets guard Deron Williams reinjured his left ankle during the second quarter and did not return.

Hawks 93, Pistons 85

In Atlanta, Paul Millsap, signed in the offseason to replace Josh Smith, had 19 points to steal the spotlight in Smith's return to Atlanta with Detroit.

Smith, who signed with the Pistons after nine seasons with the Hawks, had 11 points while shooting 5 of 15 from the field.

The Hawks pulled away after leading 66-64 through three quarters. Jeff Teague scored 18 points and DeMarre Carroll had 11 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.

Pistons coach Maurice Cheeks was ejected with 2:36 remaining after complaining to an official during a timeout. Brandon Jennings led Detroit with 21 points.

Millsap started after missing the Hawks' loss at Miami on Tuesday night with a sore right elbow.

Clippers 102, Timberwolves 98

In Minneapolis, Blake Griffin had 20 points and 10 rebounds while dominating his matchup with Kevin Love, and Chris Paul scored 16 in the fourth quarter to lead Los Angeles past Minnesota.

Paul finished with 20 points and 11 assists for his 12th straight double-double to open the season, breaking Magic Johnson's previous record of 11 straight in 1990-91. Paul scored 12 straight points for the Clippers in the final 3:41 to hold off another late charge from the Timberwolves.

Kevin Martin had 28 points and 10 rebounds, and Nikola Pekovic had 20 points and seven rebounds for Minnesota. Love managed just 10 points on 2-for-14 shooting to go with 12 rebounds.

Jamal Crawford scored 16 points for the Clippers, who made 12 of 24 3-pointers and held the Wolves to 37.8 percent shooting.

Grizzlies 88, Warriors 81, OT

In Oakland, California, Mike Conley shook off a rough shooting night to make a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1:36 left in overtime as Memphis held on to beat Golden State.

Tayshaun Prince added a pair of long jumpers over the final 56 seconds, including an 18-footer with 24.8 seconds remaining to help seal the Grizzlies' 11th consecutive win over the Warriors.

Conley finished with 19 points, six rebounds and four assists while Zach Randolph had 21 points and 12 rebounds. The win completed a four-game West Coast sweep for Memphis.

Andrew Bogut had 12 points and 14 rebounds for Golden State, which played without Stephen Curry (concussion).

Pelicans 105, Jazz 98

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 22 points, nine rebounds and eight blocks to lift New Orleans over struggling Utah for its second consecutive victory.

Ryan Anderson added 14 of his 19 points in the second half to help the Pelicans pull away in the fourth quarter after the Jazz, who beat New Orleans for their only win of the season last week, had rallied to take a third-quarter lead.

Jure Holiday scored 14, Tyreke Evans 13 and Jason Smith 11 for New Orleans.

First-round draft choice Trey Burke made his NBA debut for Utah after missing the first 12 games because of surgery on his right index finger. The ninth overall pick last summer scored 11 points on 5-of-8 shooting in only 12 minutes.

Enes Kanter led Utah with 19 points, but the Jazz (1-12) dropped their fourth straight. Gordon Hayward shot 1 for 17 and finished with six points.

Kings 113, Suns 106

In Phoenix, DeMarcus Cousins overcame a sore shoulder to score 19 points and grab 12 rebounds, leading Sacramento past Phoenix for its first road win of the season.

The Kings took control in the third quarter, turning a five-point halftime lead into a 14-point advantage. They finished off a back-to-back sweep after beating Phoenix at home on Tuesday night.

The Suns lost their fourth straight game.

Isaiah Thomas came off the bench to score 23 points and hand out four assists.

He was also pesky on defense as the Kings scored 20 points off Phoenix turnovers.

Point guard Goran Dragic scored the first 11 points of the game for the Suns. Dragic shot 10 of 19 and ended up with 31 points. Gerald Green went 6 for 8 on 3-pointers and tied a season high with 23 points.

Tigers trade Fielder to Rangers for Kinsler

DETROIT (AP)—Less than two years after boldly signing Prince Fielder to a \$214 million contract, the Detroit Tigers traded the slugging first baseman to Texas in another blockbuster move.

Fielder was dealt to the Rangers on Wednesday night for second baseman Ian Kinsler. The Tigers agreed to pay the Rangers \$30 million as part of the swap, according to a person with knowledge of the deal. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the amount of money exchanged was not revealed when the teams announced the trade. The \$30 million is payable from 2016-20.

"Obviously, a very exciting trade for us in adding Prince Fielder to the organization," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "Also a tough

trade to make in that Ian Kinsler's been with the organization since he was drafted in '03, and we've signed him here a couple of times. Been here, a catalyst for our World Series clubs, and a huge part of this. A winning guy, a heart-and-soul guy, and Detroit got a tremendous player and person."

It's the first headline-grabbing move of baseball's off-season, and it involves two of the American League's top teams. Detroit has won three consecutive AL Central titles and reached the World Series in 2012, while Texas won the AL pennant in 2010 and 2011.

Fielder, a five-time All-Star, had to consent to the trade before it could be completed. The big first baseman signed a \$214 million, nine-year contract with the Tigers before the 2012 sea-

son that includes a limited no-trade provision.

"We're thankful for what he did for us," Detroit general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "It'll be a bat that we miss at times—there's no doubt about it."

Kinsler just finished the first season of a \$75 million, five-year contract.

With stars like Fielder, Justin Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and Anibal Sanchez in the fold, Detroit's payroll had become one of the game's biggest. And although Fielder hit 55 home runs over the last two years for the Tigers, his numbers dipped this season and he struggled in the playoffs when Detroit lost to Boston in the AL championship series.

Fielder hit .279 with 25 homers this year. He drove in 106

runs, but it was his lowest home run total over a full season. He did not have a single RBI in the 2013 postseason and hit .182 in the ALCS.

Daniels said the trade came together quickly—the first discussions took place Tuesday. The Rangers will welcome the durable Fielder, who has played 162 games in four of the last five seasons. Texas was interested in Fielder when he signed with Detroit as a free agent.

"Our offer was well below what it ended up being, so we weren't that close," Daniels said. "I thought he was a genuine guy that really loved the game, really loved playing the game, loved his boys, his sons."

Kinsler batted .277 with 13 homers this year. The a three-

time All-Star was limited to 136 games because of injuries to his ribs and right side. Kinsler stole 15 bases in 2013—not a high total by his standards but more than any player on the Detroit team he is joining.

The trade could save the Tigers more than \$75 million in the long run, giving them more financial flexibility with Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer a year from free agency.

Fielder is still only 29, and the Rangers are set to add a big bat to the middle of their lineup while also resolving a logjam in the middle of their infield. Jurickson Profar, a highly touted 20-year-old prospect, appeared to be blocked by Kinsler and shortstop Elvis Andrus. Now, Profar should have a chance to play regularly.

The Tigers signed Fielder to a huge contract shortly before spring training in 2012—after designated hitter Victor Martinez injured his knee. Martinez came back in 2013. With Fielder gone, Cabrera may move from third base back to first.

"I'm really not sure what we're going to do as we sit here now today," Dombrowski said. "Eventually, we see him as a first baseman. Will it happen this year or not? I'm not sure."

The 31-year-old Kinsler fills a need at second base for Detroit after Omar Infante became a free agent.

Fielder is due \$168 million through 2020, a salary of \$24 million per season. Under his no-trade clause, he submits a list of 10 teams each year that he can be traded to without his approval.

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Pacquiao eager to punish mocking Rios camp

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MACAU (AP)—Manny Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach says the boxer will use Sunday's fight against Brandon Rios to punish members of the Rios camp who mocked Roach's speech, which is affected by Parkinson's disease.

The fallout from Wednesday's physical confrontation between Roach and the Rios camp continued Thursday, with Roach saying Pacquiao had watched video of the heated incident in which Roach was kicked and his speech mocked.

"(Pacquiao) said to me 'are those the guys that made fun of you?'" and I said yes, and he said 'that's all I need to know' and

he walked away," the U.S.-born Roach told The Associated Press on Thursday.

"He told me he's going to take care of this guy quickly."

Roach, 53, was kicked by his former co-worker and Pacquiao cornerman Alex Ariza—now in the Rios camp assisting head trainer Robert Garcia—and while Roach initially called for police to arrest Ariza, he laughed off the seriousness of the confrontation a day later.

"What (Ariza) doesn't realize is that Manny hits me ten times harder every day. It was like a girl kicking me," Roach said.

Sunday's fight (Saturday night U.S. time with an undercard beginning at 7 p.m. ET) will be Pacquiao's first since getting

savagely knocked out by Juan Manuel Marquez almost a year ago.

The Filipino, once regarded as pound-for-pound the best fighter in the world, is keen to restore his standing in the boxing world after successive defeats against



Marquez and a much-criticized judging decision in favor of Tim Bradley.

"He's hungry after the year off, he's anxious to get in the ring and he's anxious to show the world he's still an elite fighter," Roach said. "The best way to do that is to knock Brandon Rios out, we both know that, and I have stressed that to him."

"Initially I didn't think the fight would go six rounds, and



In this Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 photo released by the Venetian Macao, Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao, center, accompanied by his trainer Freddie Roach, right, arrives at the main lobby of the Venetian Macao in Macau.

after the way he's worked out, I don't think it will go four."

Pacquiao has not stopped an opponent since he fought Miguel Cotto four years ago, but Roach feels Rios' aggressive style will open the door for a quick finish.

"Rios is a tough guy and tough guys don't win fights, good boxers win fights," Roach said. "The more I watch him on tape the worse he gets."

"We will box him and the knockout will come with Manny's hand speed and com-

binations and Rios not having a good defense. One thing we know is that Rios will fight back and that's our big advantage because Manny is a beautiful counter-puncher and we've been working quite a bit on that in the gym."

CFLA kicks off youth league tomorrow

The Commonwealth Football League Association will start its youth football season tomorrow with the Southern Thunder taking on the Northern Saints at 1pm at the Airport Field.

The Southern Thunder is coached by Jermaine Catching, who will be assisted by Mike Tenorio, Clyde Kaipat, Alvin Taitano, and Syl Teregeyo. Calling the shots for the Northern Saints are head coach Vince Castro, defensive coordinator Joe Ocampo, and assistant coach Darryl Atalig.

The other team competing in the league is the Eastern Lightning, who will be coached by Dave Ada. Joining Ada on the bench are defensive coordinator Jaime Martinez, offensive coordinator Al-Lee Terry, and assistant coach Jay Tilipao.

Meanwhile, to prepare the youth players for this season's competition, CFLA hosted an exhibition tackle football game between Eastern Lightning and Guam All-Star Midget and a



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A Guam player (in orange uniform) runs away from the Eastern Lightning defense during an exhibition game last Saturday at the Airport Field.

series of preliminary games for players in the 6 to 8 age group. A controlled scrimmage was also held early this month and featured the three youth teams.

For more information about

schedules or how your child can participate in the league, please visit the CFLA's website at www.cnmifootball.com or send e-mail to cnmifootball@gmail.com. (PR)

XGA November Ace tomorrow

The Xclusive Golf Association will hold its November Ace of the Month Tournament tomorrow, Nov. 23, at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort. Showtime is 12pm and tee time is 1pm. (PR)

commended the visiting players' much improved skills at the festival.

"From a personal growth perspective, we immediately noticed improved confidence with all the kids. They have learned that if they can play soccer, then they can pretty much do everything else much easier. We also noticed a drastic interest in learning to exercise on and off the field and how to eat healthy. The kids, through their practices, noticed that they were getting healthy and losing weight so they wanted to learn how to do it at home. Teamwork was also a skill that bled into the school setting where players learned to take what they learned about teamwork and responsibilities on the soccer field to the classroom," Mendiola-Long said.

With more Tinian youth getting interested in the sport and parents and teachers recognizing the soccer program's impact to the community, Mendiola-

Long said they are expected to draw more players next season.

"Soccer has become an immediate hit on Tinian with our club hosting over 130 players now. We look forward to next year when we can continue to see improved field and personal skills both on and off the field," Mendiola-Long said.

Meanwhile, Tinian Premier FC would like to thank the following for their support: Tinian Premier FC board, players' parents, Vin and Roca Sablan, Pete Sablan, Attorney General J.P. San Nicolas and family, Bridge Capital's Allen Perez and Susan Cruz, Star Marianas' Shawn and Donna Christian, Terry Lazaro, and Augusta Famaw.

"Last but not the least, we would like to thank our club sponsors, the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino and Sherman Consulting, which made it possible to purchase our uniforms and pay the kids' travel expenses to Saipan each week," Mendiola-Long said.

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"The kids are also more knowledgeable about the rules of the game and some of them are more upfront talking with the referees," Zapanta said.

Paire's Patricia Coleman made special mention of the players' good attitude despite showing their competitive side during the festival.

"We are also pleased with the respectful attitudes our youth players displayed to coaches, other youth, players, and officials no matter what the circumstances are. One of our clubs values is to foster respect and Fair Play. It was great to see everyone come out to celebrate the sport. Our players were quite tired at the end of the day as all except one of our teams played four games instead of three like other clubs, but the kids and coaches stepped up to the challenge," said Coleman, who thanked Docomo Pacific for its

continued support to the club.

Vickie Izuka, president of IT&E-backed MP United, which had the most players (87) at the festival, said the festival gathered not only players from all clubs, but also families and friends who watched exciting games.

"During the league season, teams played at various venues and times around the island and the atmosphere of a small two-team home/away game is just not the same," said Izuka, who noted MP United's focus on developing teamwork, fun, and skills building in the U6, U8, and U10 age groups and technical approach to the U12 division.

Tan Holdings technical director Jershin Angeles boasted about their players' improvement this season, too, and this was seen during the festival.

"They pass the ball more often now rather than forcing themselves to dribble more. Their knowledge on football

got broaden, their decisions on the field got better (when and how to pass the ball, when to run, when to shoot etc.). Chemistry as a team improved, as you can see how they enjoy playing with their teammates and their coach," Angeles said.

Kanoa FC players, who participated in just their second festival, also displayed significant improvements and tried to keep up with players from much established clubs.

"Compared to last season (spring), our players are more aggressive and competitive. Seeing players wearing the orange jersey, running around the field, and kicking the ball with their teammates at 7:30am showed how excited they were. They showed up with their complete and proper uniforms. The parents and family members also showed their untiring support. We owe the success of the fall season to our dedicated players and parents," Kanoa FC general secretary Cristy Villaflores said.

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Edgar Pangelinan top-scored for Blue Haus in both wins, making 27 markers against Armatech and 29 versus PIC. Tony Diaz also nailed 29 markers in their victory over PIC, as he and Pangelinan traded triples with Carlos Ballesteros and James Abuy.

Pangelinan knocked in five treys alone in the second canto and scored 19 points in that period, turning a 25-17 lead to a big 58-37 advantage at the break. Diaz had earlier dropped two shots from beyond the arc in the first quarter and tallied 10 points to put Blue Haus in the driver's seat.

The lead ballooned to 27 by the end of the third, 84-57, as Diaz and Pangelinan remained on target. Then in the fourth, PIC cut the deficit to a decent number behind the 3-point shooting of Ballesteros. Ballesteros connected on eight

triples in the final canto, while Abuy nailed two. Ballesteros finished with a game-high 39 points for PIC, which fell to a 1-7 record and must sweep its last two games to keep its playoffs hopes alive.

PIC is in last place in the six-team field and only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs. Blue Haus is assured of the No. 1 seeding in the playoffs with its clean record, while Laguna/Erika's Catering (5-2) is likely to get the No. 2 spot. Armatech and D&Q Degree are currently tied in third place with their similar 3-4 slates, while Shakir Realty (2-5) completes the field.

Armatech went 0-2 against Blue Haus despite managing to keep the latter within striking distance in the first three quarters. Blue Haus was ahead by only 3 points at the end of the third, 61-58, before Junar Guiab's successive baskets in the first half of the fourth provided the team more cushion.

Guiab's 8 points in the fourth and two baskets apiece from his three other teammates made up for Pangelinan's lack of contribution in the final canto.

Saturday Game

Blue Haus 85 – Pangelinan 27, Mendoza 18, Guiab 15, G. Palacios 9, Rebuyon 8, Santos 4, F. Palacios 2.

Armatech 76 – Gabaldon 17, Berline 12, Montano 11, Pineda 9, Moreno 7, Canedo 3, Detera 3, Malasarte 2, Park 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-19, 40-37, 61-58, 85-76.

Tuesday Game

Blue Haus 105 – Pangelinan 29, Diaz 29, Guiab 19, Rebuyon 9, Santos 5, G. Palacios 4, F. Palacios 2, Factor 2, Manabat 2.

PIC 95 – Ballesteros 39, Abuy 17, Tolentino 16, Bartolo 6, Hernandez 6, Reyes 3.

Scoring by quarters: 25-17, 58-37, 84-57, 105-95.

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coming the newest member of the NMIFA family, Mendiola-Long said they have seen significant improvements not only on the players' skills, but also their attitude.

"As you know, all of the U8 and U10 played soccer for the first time this year. In fact, 99 percent of them have only played since July of this year with most touching a soccer ball for the very first time. We noticed a huge improvement in field position discipline, where the kids have learned not to 'herd' the ball or chase the ball, leaving their position on the field uncovered," the Tinian Premier FC mentor said.

Mendiola-Long said these changes were not left unnoticed, as after seeing Tinian Premier FC players challenged Paire FC in exhibition games in August this year, coaches from other clubs and even referees

Island Floral keeps clean slate

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Island Floral remained unbeaten in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League, following a 64-54 victory over San Roque last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

With its fifth win in as many games, Island Floral kept its hold on the top spot and boosted its chance for the automatic quarterfinals berth. Island Floral leads San Antonio (3-0), CJ Signs (4-1), Natural Mystic (4-3), San Roque (2-3), I Love Saipan (1-4), Island Manpower (1-5), and Maplas (0-5) in

Pool B. The Top 2 teams in Pool B will get outright Round of 8 slots, while the next four will battle for the remaining tickets, and the bottom two will be boosted out.

Island Floral was in full control of its game against San Roque, which fell behind early after scoring only 9 points in the opening canto. San Roque picked up its scoring a bit in the second, but was still outgunned by Island Floral, which turned a 9-15 advantage to a double-digit spread at the break, 31-21. Island Floral went on to keep its safe lead en route to its fifth straight win.



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CJ Signs' Erick dela Rosa drives against Natural Mystic's Allison Kaipat during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

SBLI meeting today

Saipan Baseball League, Inc. Ground rules, entrance fee, is calling all coaches or representatives of teams participating in next year's league to attend a meeting today at 5:30pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



rosters, and other requirements will be discussed at the meeting.

The league is tentatively set to kick off on Jan. 20, 2014 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. (PR)

Jun Tabora and Cecilio Bisana top-scored for Island Floral with 14 points apiece, while Angelo Fernando had 21 for San Roque.

In another Pool B game, CJ Signs notched its fourth win after outclassing Natural Mystic.

Ahead by 9 at the end of the third, 44-35, CJ Signs worked the clock well in the fourth canto to preserve the lead and take the 6-point win.

The final scores were posted at the 1:57 mark of the fourth canto, as both teams went scoreless in the remaining minutes of the match. Jojo Ulloa canned the last basket in the game, making a triple to move Natural Mystic within six before committing two passing errors in the ensuing plays to cause his team the game. With a safe lead and the clock ticking, CJ Signs moved the ball around in the last

two possession to hand Natural Mystic a loss in its final regular season game.

First Game

Island Floral 64 – Tabora 14, Bisana 14, Norita 9, Teregeyo 8, Standish 6, Santos 5, Lieto 2, Kaipat 2.

San Roque 54 – Fernando 21, Gapor 6, Alipio 6, Mi. Achas 5, Pineda 4, Odicka 4.

Scoring by quarters: 15-9,

31-21, 47-34, 64-54.

Second Game

CJ Signs 52 – Litulumar 16, dela Rosa 10, Maranan 8, Francisco 8, Factor 3, Salas 2, Tinio 2.

Natural Mystic 46 – Ulloa 13, Kaipat 10, Lisua 8, Pangelinan 4, Reyes 3, Guerrero 2, Ogarto 2, Camacho 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-16, 28-22, 44-35, 52-46.

18TH CLUB AT THE HYATT GOLF CLASSIC

Hyatt thanks players, volunteers, partners



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From left, 18th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic tournament director Blake Carothers, Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriele Colombo, Triple J's Jay Santos, director of food and beverage Tyrell Pauling, and Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele pose for a group photo.

Hyatt Regency Saipan recently extended its gratitude to players, volunteer associates, and event partners for the success of its 18th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

"Hyatt Regency Saipan is thankful for the overwhelming and untiring support from our loyal Club at the Hyatt members, volunteer associates, and event partners," said Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick K. Nishikawa.

All proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation and other non-profit organizations.

Hyatt Regency Saipan wants to recognize the growing list of event partners in addition to the most consistent supporters in most of the hotel's major events: Triple J Motors that donated a 2014 Hyundai Tucson as one of the hole-in-one prizes for this year's Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic.

Aside from this generous donation from Triple J, the hotel would also like to acknowledge the support from Joeten Motors, Bank of Hawaii, Delta Air Lines, Asiana, Top Development Inc. and Hyatt Hotels and Resorts worldwide.

The platinum sponsors of the 18th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic include the following: Asiana Airlines, Bank of Hawaii, Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines, DFS Saipan, Docomo Pacific, Grand Hyatt Taipei,

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Gold sponsors of the event, meanwhile, are Grand Hyatt Fukuoka, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, Grand Hyatt Seoul, Grand Hyatt Tokyo, Hyatt Regency Hangzhou, Hyatt Regency Kinabalu, Hyatt Regency Tokyo, IT&E, Kautz Glass Co., Marianas Visitors Authority, Pacific Islands Club, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Park Hyatt Changbaishan, Hyatt Regency Changbaishan, Park Hyatt Shanghai, Sablan Topline Agency, Sandcastle (Baldyga Group Int'l), Take Care Insurance, and Tan Holdings.

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ern Sales Trading Co., and Yaong Corp.

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Youth festival caps 2013 season

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The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association's 2013 Fall Youth Festival lived up to its name, as players provided a festive mood last Saturday by showcasing their much improved skills, sportsmanship, and eagerness to play at the Koblerville Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High School fields.

The festival featured games from U8, U10, and U12 teams of MP United Football Club, Paire FC, Shirley's FC, Tan Holdings FC, Matansa FC, Kanoa FC, and newcomer Tinian Premier FC.

NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta said about 260 players participated in the festival with the U10 division drawing the most teams (10), the U12 and U8 having nine teams each, and the U6 age group luring 40 players. The U8, U10, and U12 teams played matches from 8am until past 2pm, but several players stayed late despite complet-

ing their respective games to play more football.

"Kids are eager to play. We saw a lot of kids asking their coaches to put them in the game. Some U8 kids wanted

to 'play-up' or also play with the U10 kids.

Except for one team in a five-team group, each squad was supposed to play three games. For a lot of kids, they wanted to play more," Zapanta said.

The NMIFA official also noted the players' better understanding of the sport.

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A Paire FC U10 player goes for a save against a Shirley's FC striker during their game in the 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall Football Festival last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

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Tinian Premier FC debuts in festival



Tinian Premier FC players and coaches pose for a photo during a break in their game in the 2013 NMIFA Youth Fall Football Festival last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

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The fledging Tinian Premier Football Club made the grade in its debut in last Saturday's Northern Mariana Islands

Football Association's 2013 Fall Youth Festival at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

"We sent 27 players (13 from U8 and 14 from U10) and four coaches. Tinian Premier did fantastic. We are very proud of

our kids as they all remembered their positions and responsibilities on the field. We were also very proud of their sportsmanship and eagerness to meet and play against other soccer players on Saipan. In fact, we had some of the other teams' kids hang

out at our tent during most of the day," Tinian Premier FC technical director Philip Mendiola-Long, who also coached the U8 and U10 teams.

Despite forming the club only in July this year and be-

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Blue Haus stretches streak



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Blue Haus' Edsel Mendoza drives to the baseline against Armatech's Haejun Park during their first round meeting in the UFO Masters caging last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Blue Haus notched two more wins in the 2013 UFO-Budweiser Masters Division Basketball League to extend its winning run to eight.

Blue Haus bagged its seventh victory after beating Armat-

ech, 85-76, last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium and then earned a perfect 8-0 record last Tuesday, following a 105-95 triumph versus Pacific Islands Club.

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